

TOWN OF NEW LONDON NEW HAMPSHIRE



**ANNUAL REPORT
For the Fiscal Year ending
December 31, 2002**

2003 TOWN MEETING

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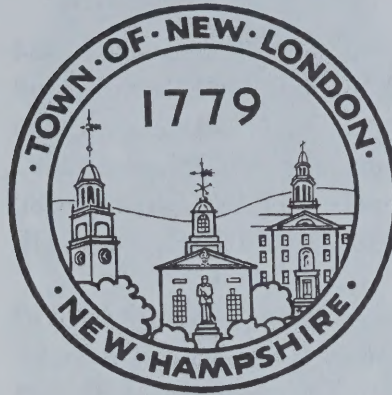
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TOWN OF NEW LONDON

Incorporated June 25, 1779 Anno Domini
Total Area 16,192 Acres, Land Area 14,144 Acres
Water Area 2,048 Acres
Highest Elevation in Town: Morgan Hill 1,760 feet

Population (1950 Census) 1484
Population (1960 Census) 1738
Population (1970 Census) 2236
Population (1980 Census) 2893
Population (1990 Census) 3180
Population (2000 Census) 4116

Second Congressional District
Second Councilor District
Fifth State Senatorial District

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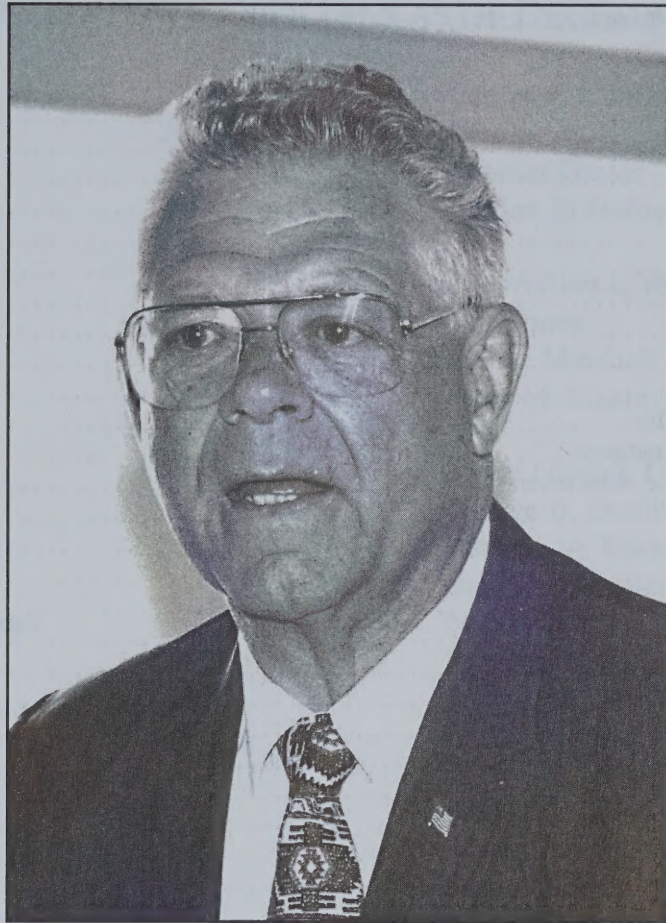


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WALTON W. CHADWICK 1924 – 2002

One need only read the latest history of New London by Ann Page Stecker to know that Walt was a very active man and that he served the Town of New London and its many organizations with honor. However, there is much more to Walt than you will find in that book.

I was fortunate to have known Walt since we were both four years old, and over the many years we became as brothers. Memories of our childhood could fill a book. We went through the school system of New London, we went on to UNH, he enlisted into the service, and I was drafted.

Most people have many friends, and certainly Walt was a friend to all who knew him. Walt was always there when needed. Walt was the “Mr. Go-To-For-Help” of not only New London, but for all of the surrounding towns and even some beyond that. One could write a book just telling about the times he has helped people who called him because he was the only person they knew and they knew he would help. It might be that you needed a screen fixed, or you needed storm windows put on for the winter, or taken down for the summer. You might have needed a ride to do grocery shopping. Walt would find someone to do this. The word “no” was not in his vocabulary. If he couldn’t find someone, he would do it himself. Walt was known not for all the many organizations that he belonged to and supported but for what he did for others. Not too many towns are fortunate enough to have a Walt Chadwick, and New London will certainly miss him.

So with a hardy salute, we thank you, dear friend!

-- Ernie Welch

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TOWN OFFICIALS

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002

Board of Selectmen

Douglas W. Lyon, Chair	2004
Mark Kaplan	2003
Ruth I. Clough	2005

Town Clerk

Suzy Holdsworth	2003
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Treasurer

Stephen R. Theroux	2003
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Town Moderator

Cotton Cleveland	2004
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Trustees of the Trust Funds

Barbara Herbert, Chair	2003
William Fellerman	2004
Martin Feins	2005

Budget Committee

Robert A. Foose, Chair	2003
Douglas S. Baxter	2003
Jim Edgecomb	2003
Suzanne Jesseman	2004
Stefan Timbrell	2004
April D. Whittaker	2004
Shelby C. Blunt	2005
Patricia H. Blanchard	2005
W. Barry Wright	2005
Ruth I. Clough, Selectmen's Representative	
Sarah Denz, Recording Secretary	

Sewer Commissioners

Robin F. Cook, Chair	2004
Richard Birch	2003
F. Augustus Seamans	2005

Cemetery Commissioners

Charles M. Hafner, Chair	2004
Thomas Ginter	2003
Marion C. Hafner	2005

Supervisors of the Checklist

Ann Jones	2004
Arlene Marshall	2006
Dana M. Stanley, Chair	2008

Tracy Library Trustees

George A. Doolittle	2003
Barbara M. Rosenfield	2003
Barbara Hambley	2003
Neil Atkins, Chair	2004
Patricia W. Brewster	2004
Charles E. Dean	2005
Emily W. Drew	2005

KRSD School Board

Barbara C. Brown	2004
Daniel Snyder	2005

KRSD Municipal Budget Committee

Jay Rosenfield	2004
Winsor L. Chase	2005

KRSD Moderator

Robert E. Bowers	2003
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Town Administrator

Jessie W. Levine

Administrative Assistant

Amy A. Rankins

Finance Officer

Carolyn E. Fraley

Office Assistant

Connie M. Rankins

Deputy Treasurer

D. Russell Cooper

Recreation Director

Robert C. Andrews

Welfare Director

Marc A. Clement

Police Department

David J. Seastrand, Chief

Edward C. Kinzer, Sergeant

Christopher C. Currier, Detective

Edward G. Andersen, Officer

Thomas H. Anderson, Officer

Michael J. Nelson, Officer

Marshall R. Osgood, Officer

James Valiquet, Officer/Part-Time

David A. White, Officer/Part-Time

Jeffrey M. Downing, Officer/Part-Time

Jodi Bailey, Administrative Secretary

Communications Department

Heather Wood, Supervisor

Vanessa Hardy

Joseph McCarthy

Gregory Barthol, Part-Time

Terri Crawford, Part-Time

Jennifer J. Grant, Part-Time

Tax Collector

Suzy Holdsworth

2004

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Joan Pankhurst

Health Officer

Donald F. Bent

2003

Tree Warden

David A. Carey

NH/VT Solid Waste Representatives

Martin S. Feins, Representative

Donald F. McGuinness, Representative

Jay Rosenfield, Alternate

Mark Kaplan, Alternate

Douglas W. Lyon, Alternate

Ruth I. Clough, Alternate

Jessie W. Levine, Alternate

Sewer Department

Ann S. Beardsley, Admin. Bookkeeper

Douglas L. Gay, Superintendent

Todd R. McIntire, Collection Operator

Highway Department

Richard E. Lee, Road Agent

Robert A. Harrington, Supervisor/Maint. III

Eric Allen, Maint. II

Karen E. Welch, Maint. II

Glenn R. Carey, Maint. II

Robert W. Donnelly, Maint. I

James J. Cahill, Maint. I

Michael McElman, Maint. I

Henry D. Palmer, P/T Maint.

John Wiltshire, P/T Maint.

Transfer Station

Robert Richardson, Co-Supervisor

Michael R. Lachance, Co-Supervisor

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002

Conservation Commission

Sue Ellen Andrews, Chair	2004
Laura A. Alexander	2003
Richard J. Cavallaro	2003
Peter S. Stanley	2003
Wayne J. Warriner	2003
Ruth A. White	2004
Terence E. Dancy, Alternate	2003
Edward C. Parkhurst, Alternate	2003

Planning Board

Karen E. Ebel, Chair	2004
Sydney L. Crook	2003
Dale Conly	2003
Sue Ellen Andrews	2004
Robert S. Foote	2004
Thomas A. Cottrill	2005
Mark Kaplan, Selectmen's Representative	
Judith Condict, Recording Secretary	

Recreation Commission

William G. Ross, Chair	2006
Lee C. Wilcox	2003
Caroline M. Morono	2003
Keith Pomkoski	2004

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Lawrence Ballin, Chair	2005
William D. Green, Jr.	2003
D. Russell Cooper	2003
Brian J. Prescott	2004
Caroline Newkirk	
Robert A. Foose, Alternate	2003
Elizabeth J. Herrick, Alternate	2003
Charles H. Marston, Alternate	2004
Deirdre Sheerr, Alternate	2004
Laurie DeClerico, Alternate	
Carolyn E. Fraley, Clerk	

Regional Planning Representatives

Terence E. Dancy	2003
Peter S. Stanley	2003

Emergency Management Committee

Robert M. Nelson, Director
Robert Andrews
Donald Bent
Peter Berthiaume
Carol Connell
Nancy J. Erickson
Richard E. Lee
Jessie W. Levine
Jason Lyon
David J. Seastrand
Peter S. Stanley
Heather Wood

Ballot Clerks

Richard Guerringue
Thelma Kaplan
Robert G. MacMichael
E. Waldo Sanders
Pamela J. Saunders
Margaret K. Theroux

Tracy Memorial Library

Virginia C. Foose, Co-Library Director
Linda Miller, Co-Library Director
Anne R. Ballin, Children's Librarian
Heather S. Shumway, Librarian
Raymond L. Heath, Custodian
Timothy Poh, Children's Librarian, Part-Time
Edith W. Garner, Library Assistant, Part-Time
Sally Davis, Circulation Assistant, Part-Time
Heather Grace, Student Aid

Town Archives

Margaret Moreland, Archivist	2005
Robert MacMichael	2004
Constance M. Granger	2003
Doris M. Cutter	2004
Arrolyn H. Vernon	2004
Hope P. Howard	2004
Nancy Dutton	2003
Barbara Stearns	2003

Citizen's Advisory Committee

Richard Birch	2003
Robert Bowers	2003
Joe Carroll	2003
Phebe H. Downey	2003
Janice Eberly	2003
Robert Foote	2003
Emory Sanders	2003
Cindy Adie	2004
Richard Cavallaro	2004
Russ Cooper	2004
Mickey Feins	2004
Tracey Godin	2004
Gordon Marshall	2004
Gary Nelson	2004
Stephanie Wheeler	2004
Barry Wright	2004
Lawrence B. Ballin	2005
Celeste Cook	2005
Robert Gray	2005
Janet R. Kidder	2005
Joseph McCarthy	2005
Donald F. McGuinness	2005
R. Leigh Morse	2005
Jay Rosenfield	2005
Clayton Shedd	2005
Debbie Stanley	2005
Stefan H. Timbrell	2005

Firewards

Stephen W. Ensign	2003
David A. Eberly	2003
Barbara D. Green	2004
Gordon P. McKinnon	2004
Laurids T. Lauridsen III	2005

Forest Fire Wardens

Peter S. Stanley, Warden
Karl R. Bjorklund, Deputy Warden
Shaun M. Caisse, Deputy Warden
Peter B. Crowell, Deputy Warden
Courtney C. Heath, Deputy Warden
Christian E. Hoffman, Deputy Warden
Laurids T. Lauridsen III, Deputy Warden
Peter A. Lewis, Deputy Warden
Amy Lyon, Deputy Warden
Jason Lyon, Deputy Warden
Walter E. Partridge, Jr., Deputy Warden

Fire Department Personnel

Peter S. Stanley, Chief
Shaun M. Caisse, Deputy Chief
Jason B. Lyon, Captain
Amy C. Lyon, 1 st Lieutenant & Clerk
Peter A. Lewis, 2 nd Lieutenant
Karl R. Bjorklund, 3 rd Lieutenant
Christian E. Hoffman 4 th Lieutenant
Matthew A. McClay, 5 th Lieutenant
Nancy J. Erickson, Safety Officer
Ethan A. Ballin
Robert W. Barrett
Edgar I. Broadhead, Jr.
Robert R. Buckley
James J. Cahill
Brian K. Carey
David A. Carey
Peter B. Crowell
Ben B. Dougherty
Collin J. Dunn
Thomas J. Durling
David A. Eberly
Anthony J. Edgecomb
Kim Edgecomb
Janet M. Ellis
Eric S. Ensign
Stephen W. Ensign
Richard A. Gauthier
William R. Hardy
Kaisha E. Hayden
Courtney C. Heath
Stephen E. Higgins
Paul M. LaFreniere
Amy D. Lewis
Glen W. Lohmann
Douglas R. Lovely
Joseph J. McCarthy
Kara M. McCullock
Michael J. McElman
Paul A. Messer
Robert M. Nelson
Walter E. Partridge Jr.
Mick C. Ricker
George Robertson
Charles A. Steward
Elizabeth N. Thomas
James A. Walker

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
TOWN MEETING – MARCH 12 AND 13, 2002

Balloting – Whipple Memorial Town Hall

Moderator Cotton M. Cleveland called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. after swearing in the Supervisors of the Checklist and election officials. She announced the meeting would recess at 12:00 noon, but the polls would remain open until 7:00 p.m. As per RSA 659:49 absentee ballots would be called at 1:00 p.m. The town meeting would reconvene at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School to act upon Warrant Articles 2 through 31.


A motion was made and seconded to act on Article 1:

- A.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- B.** To vote by ballot on amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance.

VOICE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

The polls closed at 7:00 p.m., and the results of the vote were read at 9:15 p.m. by Moderator Cleveland.

Attest:


Lois E. Marshall, Town clerk

ARTICLE 1A: Results of Non-Partisan Balloting for Town Officials

Total registered voters – 2,655; 851 regular ballots cast and 63 absentee ballots cast for a total of 914 ballots cast or 34.4% of the total registered voters.

Selectman (For 3 Years) Vote for Not More Than One

NO. OF VOTES

Ruth I. Clough (Sue)	831
Robert Trabucchi	3
Jon Barselle	3
James Edgecomb	1
William Berger	1
Daniel White	1
Douglas Homan	1
Paul Linehan	1

Treasurer (For One Year) Vote for Not More Than One

Stephen R. Theroux	833
Peter Bianchi	2
Thomas Scully	1
Charles Marston	1

Treasurer (Continued)

NO. OF VOTES

Roderic Reyelt	1
Barbara Green	1
Deidre Segerson	1

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Moderator (For Two Years) Vote for Not More than One

Cotton Cleveland	836
Robert Bowers	2
Lois Marshall	1
Hilary Cleveland	1
Robert Meck	1
David Royle	1
John Clough	1
Jon Barselle	1
Alf Jacobson	1
Douglas Homan	1
Benjamin Barton	1

Trustee of Trust Funds (For Three Years) Vote for Not More than One

Martin Feins	808
Margaret Moreland	2
Verne Barrett	1
Lois Marshall	1
Theodore Brown	1
Kenneth Miller	1

Budget Committee (For Three Years) Vote for Not More than Three

Shelby Blunt	495
Barry Wright	425
Patricia Blanchard	424
Robert R. Gray	362
Gary Nelson	225
Clayton R. Shedd	166
Peter Bianchi	2
Anthony Galluzzo	1
Colin Campbell	1
Joseph Messer	1
Douglas Homan	1

Sewer Commissioner (For Three Years) Vote for Not More Than One

F. Augustus Seamans	769
Stephen Jesseman	2
Douglas Gay	2
Brian Prescott	1
James Cricenti	1
Thomas McCormick	1

Cemetery Commissioner (For Three Years) Vote for Not More Than One NO. OF VOTES

Marion Chadwick Hafner	850
Miles Makishi	1

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Supervisor of the Checklist (For Six Years) Vote for Not More Than One

Dana Stanley	592
Celeste Cavanaugh Cook	253
Margaret Theroux	1

Tracy Library Trustees (For Three Years) Vote for Not More Than Two

Emily W. Drew	546
Charles E. Dean	529
Joseph Kun	269
Nancy Fifield	1
Robert Trabucchi	1
Anne Ballin	1

Kearsarge Regional High School School Board (For Three Years)

Vote for Not More than One

Daniel Snyder	698
Robert Trabucchi	1
Pamela Green	1
Robert Lull	1
John Clough	1
Robert Bowers	1
James Lightfoot	1
Miles Makishi	1

Kearsarge Regional High School Municipal Budget Committee

(For Three Years) Vote for Not More than One

Winsor Chase	669
Barry Wright	2
Daniel Snyder	1
Robert Cricenti	1
Colin Campbell	1
Douglas Homan	1

Kearsarge Regional High School Moderator (For One Year)

All Write-in Votes (No Declared Candidate)-New London Vote Only

Robert Bowers	37	Alf Jacobson	31
Cotton Cleveland	23	Hilary Cleveland	12
Brackett Scheffy	5	Lois Marshall	4
Graham McSwiney	3	E. Waldo Sanders	2
Sue Clough	2	Thomas Scully	1
Mark Kaplan	1	Maureen Prohl	1

KRHS Moderator Write-in Votes (Continued)

Nancy Nichols	1	Deborah Stanley	1
Stephanie Wheeler	1	Charles Dean	1
Wayne Warriner	1	Jay Rosenfield	1
Catherine Edmunds	1	Douglas Homan	1
Douglas Baxter	1	James Catrambone	1
James Edgecomb	1	Robert Friedlander	1
Brian Prescott	1	Barbara Brown	1
Donna Young	1	Peter Stanley	1
Robert Foose	1	Catherine Erickson	1
Charles Giles	1	Ann Brown	1
Richard Schwemm	1	Claudia Galluzzo	1
Donald Wright	1	Robert Cricenti	1
Cheryl DeVoe	1	Betsey Soper	1

ARTICLE 1B: Ballot Results on Amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 1: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 proposes to amend the regulations pertaining to excavations, removal and filling of lands. These amendments propose, in part, to simplify the regulations by maintaining the Site Plan Review by the Planning Board while deleting the necessity for a Special Exception approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

YES - 726

NO - 127

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 is to both clarify and simplify the regulations pertaining to excavations, removal and filling of lands. The major change proposed is to delete the necessity for approval of a Special Exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment while maintaining the requirement for Planning Board approval of Site Plan Review for such activity.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 2: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 2 proposes to amend the sign regulations to:

1. allow residential identification signs to be mounted on trees,
2. allow for rider signs to be added onto real estate signs,
3. require a permit for signs for home businesses, and
4. extend the time for signs for temporary fund raising events for nonprofit organizations to be erected from one day to seven days prior to the event.

YES - 744

NO - 139

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board’s Amendment No. 2 is to:

1. allow residential identification signs to be mounted on trees consistent with the current practice for mounting such signs,
2. allow for rider signs to be added onto real estate signs which again is consistent with current practice in town and the standard for the industry,
3. require a permit for signs for home businesses to be consistent with the home business regulations, and
4. extend the time for signs for temporary fund raising events for nonprofit organizations to be erected from one day to seven days prior to the event. The intent is to allow for a longer and more reasonable time frame for advertising temporary fund raising events for nonprofit organizations.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO.3: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 3 proposes to amend provisions pertaining to temporary ancillary sales to:

1. Permit temporary fund raising events for non-profit organizations in all zones and not limit such events to the commercial district, and
2. Permit signs for such events to be erected 7 days in advance of the event. Current regulations permit 1 day.

YES - 762 NO - 121

RATIONALE: The purposes of the Planning Board’s Amendment No. 3 are twofold:

1. First, to permit temporary fund raising events for non-profit organizations in all zone districts and not restrict those events to only the commercial district, and
2. Second, to allow for a longer and more reasonable time frame for advertising temporary fund raising events for nonprofit organizations by permitting signs for such events to be erected 7 days in advance of the event in lieu of the current regulations permitting signs to be erected 1 day in advance of the event.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 4: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 4 proposes to make revisions to the definitions of frontage, front yard, side yard and rear yard and add definitions of equipment, farm buildings, heavy vehicle and riders to add clarity to the ordinance.

YES - 713 NO - 149

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board’s Amendment No. 4 is to add clarity to the ordinance by revising some existing definitions and by adding new definitions.

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Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 5: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 5 proposes to revise the ordinance to distinguish between retail sales and retail service uses.

YES - 758

NO - 104

RATIONALE: The primary purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 5 is to separate retail sales from retail service uses for the Site Plan Review process since the two uses can be significantly different, for example, in terms of traffic generation and parking demand.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 6: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 6 proposes to rezone 12.95 acres of land owned by Colby-Sawyer College from Agricultural & Rural Residential (ARR) District to Institutional (I) District and to establish perimeter setback requirements for buildings and non-building activities in the Institutional District. The area proposed to be rezoned includes that portion of the property recently acquired by Colby-Sawyer College from Michael DiLorenzo currently not zoned Institutional (I) District as well as property owned by Colby-Sawyer College located north of Main Street where the Harrington Center and the Susan Colgate Cleveland Library-Learning Center are situated. A copy of a map entitled "Colby-Sawyer College Proposed Rezoning from Agricultural and Rural Residential (ARR) to Institutional (INST)" which delineates the area proposed to be rezoned is available for viewing in the Board of Selectmen's Office.

YES - 761

NO - 119

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 6 is to rezone the properties owned by Colby-Sawyer College described above from Agricultural and Rural Residential (ARR) to Institutional (INST) and to establish perimeter setback requirements for buildings and non-building activities in the Institutional District.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO 7: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 7 proposes to revise the Wetland Conservation Overlay District to amend the provision on improvement of non-conforming structures.

YES - 715

NO - 144

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 7 is to allow alteration, expansion or improvement of existing non-conforming structures which are consistent with the provisions of **Article XX Legal Non-conforming Uses, Non-conforming Buildings and Structures and Non-conforming Lots** of the Zoning Ordinance.

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Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO 8: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 8 proposes to make revisions related to height regulations in the Shore Land Overlay District. These revisions would maintain the 25 foot height standard in the first 50 feet inland from the normal high water level and would permit a height of 35 feet throughout the remainder of the Shore Land Overlay District. The amendment would also clarify that the first 50 feet inland from the normal high water level is a no construction/no land disturbance area.

YES - 709 NO - 168

RATIONALE: The primary purpose of the Planning Board’s Amendment No. 8 is to make revisions to the height regulations in the Shore Land Overlay District. The proposal would allow a building height of 35 feet, in lieu of the current 25 foot height limitation, for that part of the Shore Land Overlay District lying beyond the first 50 feet from the normal high water level. This amendment would allow for construction of a two story home with a pitched roof beyond the first 50 feet from the normal high water level. The current 25 foot height limitation would necessitate either: 1) a flat roof which is inconsistent with traditional New England architecture or 2) single story construction with a larger building footprint resulting in more stormwater runoff potentially adversely affecting the nearby water resources.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO 9: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 9 proposes to make revisions in the Streams Conservation Overlay District to:

- 1. Clarify and add stream buffers to the overlay district boundaries,
- 2. To add improvement of a non-conforming structure as a permitted use, and
- 3. To add the request to reduce the width of a stream buffer as a Use Permitted by Special Exception.

YES - 663 NO - 180

RATIONALE: The purpose of the Planning Board’s Amendment No. 9 is to:

- 1. Clarify and add stream buffers to the overlay district boundaries,
- 2. To allow alteration, expansion or improvement of existing non-conforming structures which are consistent with the provisions of **Article XX Legal Non-conforming Uses, Non-conforming Buildings and Structures and Non-conforming Lots** of the Zoning Ordinance, and
- 3. To add, as a Use Permitted by Special Exception, a request to reduce the width of a stream buffer.

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**CONTINUATION OF TOWN MEETING – MARCH 13, 2002
KEARSARGE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 7:00 P.M.**

At 7:00 p.m. Nicole Stark and New London Fourth Graders, accompanied by pianist, Melissa Owen, led the assemblage in the "Pledge of Allegiance" and the "Star Spangled Banner."

Moderator Cotton Cleveland expressed appreciation to Thelma Kaplan and her Potluck Supper Committee for the delicious dinner. The committee included Kathleen Bianchi, Peter Bianchi, Barbara Brown, Carolyn Fraley, Shirley Haddock, Michele Holton, Mark Kaplan, Jessie Levine, John MacKenna & Staff, Lois Marshall, Joan Pankhurst and Deborah Stanley. About 130 people attended the dinner.

The Moderator read the results of the election held on Tuesday, March 12, 2002.

Moderator Cleveland then officially opened the meeting and thanked the Selectmen and Jessie Levine for dedicating the Annual Report to Steven Mendelson, former Treasurer and Chief Ballot Clerk who died on October 28, 2001.

She announced voters would be asked to use the bright yellow Voter Card which was given to each registered voter as he/she checked in with the Ballot Clerks. The vote, for the most part, will be determined by holding up the voter card rather than a verbal yea or nay. The Ballot Clerks check in 289 registered voters.

ARTICLE 2: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to suspend the reading of the individual Articles in the Warrant and to refer to them by number." (Majority vote required)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 2

Moderator Cleveland recognized Selectman, Sue Clough, who asked all those who are currently serving on a board, committee or commission to please stand for recognition. Sue thanked all the volunteers who make it possible for the town to function. Sue, then specifically thanked the following individuals who have completed service: Dick Cavallaro (Conservation Commission and NH/VT Solid Waste), Bob Gray (Budget Committee), Ann Jones (Zoning Board of Adjustment), John Cummings (Sewer Commission), Laurie DiClerico (Planning Board), John Pierzchala (Budget Committee), Martha Cottrill (Trustee of Trust Funds), Joseph Kun and Jane Ann McSwiney (Tracy Library Trustees) and Lois Marshall (Town Clerk & Tax Collector). Sue

noted that Lois was sworn into office in 1985 by Marilyn Andrews, James Moreland and Harold Buker. She had survived many Boards of Selectmen. Sue also expressed the town's loss over the untimely death of Steve Mendelson.

Following are the incoming changes: Steve Theroux (Treasurer), Russ Cooper (Deputy Treasurer and Zoning Board of Adjustment), Suzy Holdsworth (Town Clerk & Tax Collector), Joan Pankhurst (Deputy Town Clerk & Deputy Tax Collector), David Carey (Tree Warden), Robert Foote (Planning Board), Laura Alexander (Conservation Commission) and Keith Pomkoski (Recreation Commission). Sue also recognized the contribution of the New London Inn for the skating rink and overall help.

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Douglas Lyon, Chair of the Selectmen, was recognized and with the aid of an overhead projector, presented an informative overview of the proposed budget.

ARTICLE 3: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.**” *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Executive	170,451	137,995
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	60,251	48,209
Financial Administration	205,475	188,481
Reassessment of Property	29,800	19,800
Personnel Administration	131,800	147,033
Planning and Zoning	32,512	47,942
General Government Buildings	114,055	119,440
Cemeteries	31,999	27,310
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	38,500	41,200
Advertising & Regional Associations	<u>10,551</u>	<u>9,653</u>
TOTAL	825,394	787,063

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 3

ARTICLE 4: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **LEGAL EXPENSE.**” *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Legal	40,000	30,000
Portsmouth Coalition Lawsuit Contribution	5,000	5,000
Animal Rescue Fees	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
TOTAL	45,300	35,300

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 4

ARTICLE 5: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **PUBLIC SAFETY.**” *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Police Department	492,105	530,215
Dispatch Center	209,715	163,486
Fire Department	124,994	104,000
Firewards	520	398
Emergency Management	<u>2,256</u>	<u>2,856</u>
TOTAL	829,590	800,955

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 5

ARTICLE 6: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **HIGHWAYS & STREETS.**” *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Highway Administration	428,843	380,456
Highways & Streets/Repair & Maintenance	477,900	508,900
Street Lighting	<u>25,600</u>	<u>25,600</u>
TOTAL	932,343	914,956

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 6

ARTICLE 7: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **SANITATION.**” *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Transfer Station Admin. and Operations	392,160	374,121
Solid Waste Cleanup	16,600	21,100
Sewage Collection & Disposal (Sewer Dept.)	<u>522,000</u>	<u>502,000</u>
TOTAL	930,760	897,221

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 7

ARTICLE 8: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENTS.**” *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
HEALTH DEPARTMENT		
Health Administration	11,558	11,558
Kearsarge Council on Aging	8,000	6,678
Lake Sunapee VNA	9,368	9,368
WELFARE DEPARTMENT		
Welfare Administration	541	541
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	3,203	3,203
Welfare/Vendor Payments	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
TOTAL	36,170	34,848

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 8

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ARTICLE 9: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **RECREATION AND CULTURE.**” *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Recreation Department	118,369	106,849
Tracy Memorial Library	254,350	240,335
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
Other Culture History and Archives	<u>2,000</u>	<u>800</u>
TOTAL	375,019	348,284

Moderator Cleveland recognized Laurie Lauridsen who made a motion to amend the amount under Other Culture History and Archives from \$2,000 to \$3,000, thereby increasing the total for 2002 to \$376,019. The motion had a second.

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON THE AMENDED ARTICLE 9

ARTICLE 10: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **CONSERVATION and OTHER CONSERVATION.**” *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Conservation Administration	8,102	8,480
Other-Care of Trees	<u>10,900</u>	<u>10,885</u>
TOTAL	19,002	19,365

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 10

ARTICLE 11: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the payment of **PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF LONG-TERM DEBT.**” *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Principal / Bonds and Notes	125,000	120,000
Interest / Bonds and Notes	81,563	88,238
Tax Anticipate Note Costs	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	207,563	208,238

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 11

ARTICLE 12: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be placed in previously established **CAPITAL AND NON-CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**, as follows.” *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	15,000	15,000
Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	65,000	65,000
Fire Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund	23,000	15,000
Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve	115,000	150,000
Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund	25,000	25,000
Dispatch Radio Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000
Bridge Repair and Maintenance Fund	10,000	10,000
Computer Repair and Maintenance Fund	1,000	1,000
Sidewalk Engineering	37,698	0
Tracy Library Maintenance	5,000	0
Fire Station Expansion	50,000	50,000
New Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	<u>16,542</u>	<u>16,878</u>
TOTAL	368,240	352,878

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 12

ARTICLE 13: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$167,000** (one hundred sixty-seven thousand dollars) to purchase the following **Highway Department vehicles** and to authorize the amount of **\$167,000** (one hundred sixty-seven thousand dollars) to be withdrawn from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve fund for this purpose.” *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

Highway Sander	9,000
16 Ton Dump Truck	71,000
Refuse Trailer	39,000
Refuse Tractor	<u>48,000</u>
TOTAL	167,000

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 13

Moderator Cotton Cleveland asked for a motion to bring Articles 27, 28 and 29 forward. These articles require a ballot vote. This will allow the Ballot Clerks to count the votes while the meeting proceeds. The motion was made and seconded. The moderator explained each article would be acted upon separately, but the voters would be asked to hold the ballots until all three had been voted.

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON THE MOTION TO BRING ARTICLES 27, 28 AND 29 FORWARD

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ARTICLE 27: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of New London, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$30,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$45,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$60,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 (five) years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 (five) years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$26,800 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$40,800; and own net assets not in excess of \$85,000, excluding the value of the person’s residence.” ***The Board of Selectmen supports this warrant article.*** (Ballot vote required)

YES - 262

NO - 4

ARTICLE 28: It was moved and seconded, “Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35, IV, for an optional tax credit on the taxes due on residential property for a service-connected total disability? The optional disability tax credit is \$1,400, rather than \$700.” ***The Board of Selectmen supports this warrant article.*** (Ballot vote required)

YES - 264

NO - 5

ARTICLE 29: It was moved and seconded, “Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:29-a, II, to increase the surviving spouse tax credit for surviving spouses of veterans who died while on active duty in certain conflicts from \$700 to \$1,400?” ***The Board of Selectmen supports this warrant article.*** (Ballot vote required)

YES - 266

NO - 6

ARTICLE 14: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000** (seven thousand dollars) to donate to the New London Elementary School **GET PROPER NAME** purchase of new playstructure.” ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

The Moderator recognized Robert Andrews who made a motion to amend the sum of \$7,000 to read \$25,000. There was a second to the motion.

NEGATIVE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE 14

ARTICLE 15: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** (ten thousand dollars) to purchase a pavilion for Bucklin Beach.” ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 15

ARTICLE 16: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$27,000** (twenty-seven thousand dollars) to purchase a new police cruiser.” ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 16

ARTICLE 17: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$53,000** (fifty-three thousand dollars) to purchase fire breathing apparatus for the fire station, and to authorize that amount to be withdrawn from the Fire Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose.” ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 17

ARTICLE 18: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$220,000** (two hundred twenty thousand dollars) to purchase a **Fire Truck Pump Body and Accessories** and to authorize the amount of **\$220,000** (two hundred twenty thousand dollars) to be withdrawn from the Fire Engine Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose.” ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 18

ARTICLE 19: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** (thirty thousand dollars) to repair the Hayes Dam in Elkins, and to authorize the amount of **\$15,000** (fifteen thousand dollars) to be withdrawn from the Hayes Dam Capital Reserve Fund. The balance of **\$15,000** (fifteen thousand dollars) is to come from general taxation.” ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 19

ARTICLE 20: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$258,764** (two hundred fifty-eight thousand seven hundred sixty four dollars) for the purpose of the **Newport Road Sidewalk Project**, and to authorize the acceptance of **\$207,011** (two hundred seven thousand eleven dollars) from a federal grant and to authorize the amount of **\$51,753** (fifty thousand dollars) to be withdrawn from the Sidewalk Engineering Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose.” ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 20

ARTICLE 21: It is moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** (seventy-five thousand dollars) to fund the revaluation project, and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.” ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 21

ARTICLE 22: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to (1) create, per RSA 31:19-a, an expendable trust fund for the purpose of town building maintenance, to be known as the Town Building Maintenance Fund; (2) raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** (ten thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund; and (3) appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.” ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 22

ARTICLE 23: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to establish, per RSA 35:1, a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of improvements to the Transfer Station and Recycling Center, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** (twenty-five thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund.” ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 23

ARTICLE 24: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to establish, per RSA 35:1, a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a Fire Protection Air Filling Station, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000** (twelve thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund.” ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 24

ARTICLE 25: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to (1) create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Milfoil Prevention and Treatment Fund, for the purpose of preventing and treating milfoil in Pleasant Lake, Messer Pond, Lake Sunapee, Little Lake Sunapee, Clark Pond, Otter Pond, Murray Pond, and Goose Hole Pond; (2) raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,000** (eight thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund; and (3) appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.” ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 25

ARTICLE 26: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing **Wastewater Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** to the **New London Wastewater Facility/Sunapee Wastewater Treatment Facility Fund**, and authorize the withdrawal of **\$70,000** (seventy thousand dollars) from that fund for the purpose of renovating the New London Wastewater Plant.” ***The Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and Sewer Commission recommend this appropriation.*** (2/3rd vote required)
Moderator Cleveland announced she hoped a 2/3rd majority vote could be determined by holding up the Voter Cards. If not, then she would call for a paper ballot.

AFFIRMATIVE 2/3RD VOTE ON ARTICLE 26

ARTICLE 30: It was moved and seconded, “To see if the Town will vote to sell, for a sum of \$1, a small parcel of land (5,418 square feet) known as Map 30, Lot 22, located north of Little Sunapee Road and east of Burnt Hill Road, to Edward C. Parkhurst of New London. The conveyance of this land shall be subject to the following conditions:

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1. The parcel of land being conveyed shall be annexed to the larger parcel of land that surrounds it (42.66 acres), known as Map 30, Lot 23;
2. The parcel of land being conveyed shall be made subject to the same conservation easement restrictions as the parcel to which it is being annexed; and
3. The grantee shall be responsible for all recording, transfer and other expenses that may be experienced in this conveyance.”

The Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission support this warrant article. (Majority vote required)

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 30

ARTICLE 31: It was moved and seconded, “To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.” (Majority vote required).

There being no other business to come before the meeting, Moderator Cotton M. Cleveland entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:50 P.M.


Lois E. Marshall, Town Clerk


A True Copy Attest: Lois E. Marshall, Town Clerk

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF NEW LONDON
2003 TOWN WARRANT

*To the inhabitants of the Town of New London in the County of Merrimack and State of New Hampshire,
qualified to vote in town affairs:*

**You are hereby notified to meet at the Whipple Memorial Town Hall in said New London on Tuesday,
March 11, 2003 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:**

ARTICLE 1

- A.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year;
- B.** To vote by ballot on the following amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance (complete text of the proposed zoning amendments is available at the Town Clerk's Office):

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 1: The Planning Board's Amendment No.1 proposes a zoning amendment which will enable the Planning Board to require developers to pay impact fees for off-site improvements necessitated by a development proposal.

YES _____ NO _____

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 2: The Planning Board's Amendment No.2 proposes to amend **Article II, Paragraph 15. Home Occupations/Home Businesses** to allow a Home Occupation by right and delete the requirement to secure approval of a Site Plan Review by the Planning Board for a Home Occupation. The amendment also revises the provisions on Home Occupations, adds a provision on company vehicles, adds a definition of "Company Vehicle" to **Article III**, and changes references to Home Occupation in the Residential and Conservation Districts.

YES _____ NO _____

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 3: The Planning Board's Amendment No.3 proposes to amend **Article II Paragraph 15., Section B., 2. Home Business** to edit the home business provisions, add provisions on employees and company vehicles, and to add a definition of "Company Vehicle" to **Article III**.

YES _____ NO _____

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 4: The Planning Board's Amendment No.4 proposes to add "accessory uses and accessory uses of structures" to those uses permitted by right in **Article VIII Conservation District**.

YES _____ NO _____

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO.5: The Planning Board's Amendment No.5 proposes to amend the zoning ordinance to add "Essential Services" as an accessory use in all Zone Districts where it is not currently permitted.

YES _____ NO _____

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO.6: The Planning Board's Amendment No.6 proposes to amend the definition of "Public Body of Water" in Article III to add Murray Pond and Goose Hole Pond to be consistent with the Shore Land Overlay District Boundaries.

YES _____ NO _____

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO.7: The Planning Board's Amendment No. 7 proposes to remove references to provisions on Excavation, Removal and Filling of Land deleted by amendments last year.

YES _____ NO _____

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 8: The Planning Board's Amendment No.8 proposes to amend Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District to clarify the types of land disturbances allowed in the vegetative buffer 50 feet from normal high water in this Overlay District.

YES _____ NO _____

9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 9: The Planning Board's Amendment No.9 proposes to clarify that the boundaries of prime wetlands are determined by their jurisdictional boundaries.

YES _____ NO _____

10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 10: The Planning Board's Amendment No.10 proposes to allow temporary signs for non-profit events.

YES _____ NO _____

11. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 11: The Planning Board's Amendment No.11 proposes to revise references to signs in the residential districts to be consistent with the sign regulations in Article II.

YES _____ NO _____

12. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the New London Zoning Ordinance?

AMENDMENT NO. 12: The Planning Board's Amendment No.12 proposes to authorize the Planning Board, when approving new subdivisions, to require environmentally sound measures, including cutting restrictions, building envelopes and erosion control procedures, for new lots located in the Shore Land Overlay District and to add a definition of building envelope.

YES _____ NO _____

NOTE: By law, the meeting must open before voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 8:00 a.m. for the consideration of Articles IA & IB. At 12:00 noon, the meeting will recess, but the polls will remain open until 7:00 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School Gymnasium on Wednesday, March 12, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. to act upon Warrant Articles 2 - 28.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to suspend the reading of the individual Articles in the Warrant and to refer to them by number. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Executive	177,479	170,451
Elections, Registrations & Vitals	50,164	60,251
Financial Administration	189,984	205,475
Reassessment of Property	36,800	29,800
Personnel Administration	140,800	131,800
Planning and Zoning	33,775	32,512
General Government Buildings	83,330	114,055
Cemeteries	29,193	31,999
Insurance (not otherwise allocated)	44,400	38,500
Advertising & Regional Associations	<u>10,551</u>	<u>10,551</u>
TOTAL	796,476	825,394

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **LEGAL EXPENSE**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required).

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Legal	30,000	40,000
Portsmouth Coalition Contribution	5,000	5,000
Animal Rescue Fees	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
TOTAL	35,300	45,300

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **PUBLIC SAFETY**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required).

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Police Department	561,680	492,105
Dispatch Center	216,625	209,715
Fire Department	138,915	124,994
Firewards	528	520
Emergency Management	<u>36,232</u>	<u>2,256</u>
TOTAL	953,980	829,590

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **HIGHWAYS & STREETS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Highway Administration	502,417	428,843
Highways & Streets/Repair & Maintenance	481,200	477,900
Street Lighting	<u>23,000</u>	<u>25,600</u>
TOTAL	1,006,617	932,343

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **SANITATION**.
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Transfer Station Admin. and Operations	401,786	392,160
Solid Waste Cleanup	21,790	16,600
Sewage Collection & Disposal (Sewer Dept.)	<u>522,000</u>	<u>522,000</u>
TOTAL	945,576	930,760

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENTS**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
HEALTH DEPARTMENT		
Health Administration	11,783	11,558
Kearsarge Council on Aging	8,000	8,000
Lake Sunapee Regional Visiting Nurse Assoc.	10,804	9,368
WELFARE DEPARTMENT		
Welfare Administration	541	541
Intergovernmental Welfare (CAP)	3,363	3,203
Welfare/Vendor Payments	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
TOTAL	37,991	36,170

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **RECREATION AND CULTURE**.
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Recreation Department	121,785	118,369
Tracy Memorial Library	306,000	254,350
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
Other Culture History and Archives	<u>1,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL	429,085	376,019

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **CONSERVATION and OTHER CONSERVATION**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*
(Majority vote required)

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Conservation Administration	16,502	8,102
Other-Care of Trees	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,900</u>
TOTAL	26,502	19,002

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the payment of **PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF LONG-TERM DEBT**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Principal / Bonds and Notes	120,000	125,000
Interest / Bonds and Notes	74,363	81,563
Tax Anticipate Note Costs	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL	194,363	207,563

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be placed in previously established **CAPITAL AND NON-CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**, as follows. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	47,000	15,000
Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	69,000	65,000
Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve	135,000	115,000
Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund	50,000	25,000
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund	5,000	10,000
Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund	75,000	0
Computer Repair & Maintenance Fund	1,000	1,000
Sidewalk Project Capital Reserve Fund	20,000	37,698
Fire Station Expansion Capital Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000
Fire Protection Air Filling Station Capital Reserve Fund	12,000	12,000
New Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	16,192	16,542
Town Building Maintenance Fund	20,000	10,000
Tracy Library Building Maintenance Fund	10,000	5,000
Milfoil Treatment & Prevention Fund	8,000	8,000
Transfer Station & Recycling Center Capital Reserve Fund	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL	543,192	395,240

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$131,900** (one hundred thirty-one thousand nine hundred dollars) to purchase the following **Highway Department vehicles** and to authorize the amount of **\$131,900** (one hundred thirty-one thousand nine hundred dollars) to be withdrawn from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve fund for this purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

16-Ton Dump Truck	90,900
Pickup Truck	31,000
Highway Mower	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL	131,900

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$34,000** (thirty-four thousand dollars) to purchase a new police cruiser. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000** (twelve thousand dollars) to purchase replacement base radio equipment for the Police and Dispatch Departments, and to authorize the amount of **\$12,000** (twelve thousand dollars) to be withdrawn from the Dispatch Radio Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$110,000** (one hundred ten thousand dollars) to fund the remainder of the revaluation project, and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$110,000** (one hundred ten thousand dollars) from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** (twenty-five thousand dollars) to fund the engineering and design of new Highway Department facilities and site plan, and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$25,000** (twenty-five thousand dollars) from the Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$19,000** (nineteen thousand dollars) to install and upgrade a sidewalk on Main Street, from the Information Booth to the former Church's building, and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$9,000** (nine thousand dollars) from the Sidewalk Project Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. The remainder of the funds will be raised by general taxation and will be reimbursed in full by property owners. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** (twenty thousand dollars) to repair the bridge on Old Main Street, and to authorize the amount of **\$20,000** (twenty thousand dollars) to be withdrawn from the Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to (1) create, per RSA 31:19-a, an expendable trust fund for the purpose of maintaining the Community Garden at Tracy Memorial Library; (2) raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,500** (seven thousand five hundred dollars) to be placed in this fund; and (3) appoint the Tracy Library Board of Trustees as agents to expend this fund. ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** (three thousand dollars) to purchase historical items and other ephemera by the Archives Committee, and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$2,000** (two thousand dollars) from Town surplus as of December 31, 2002, for this account. The remaining **\$1,000** will be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until December 31, 2008. ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to (1) establish, per RSA 35:1, a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of improving the basement of Whipple Memorial Town Hall; (2) raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** (fifteen thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund, which will be known as the Town Hall Basement Capital Reserve Fund; and (3) appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend this fund. ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to establish, per RSA 35:1, a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of rebuilding Main Street, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** (ten thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund, which will be known as the Main Street Capital Reserve Fund. ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to (1) establish, per RSA 35:1, a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing new computer software for the offices of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector; (2) raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** (twenty thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund, which will be known as the Computer Software Capital Reserve Fund; and (3) appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend this fund. ***The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*** (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease agreement with the New London Lake Sunapee Area Chamber of Commerce, in which the Town would lease to the Chamber a portion of property known as the Little Common (Map 84, Lot 9), and to approve, as a condition of the lease, the renovation or replacement of the building known as the Information Booth, at no cost to the Town of New London. Such renovation or replacement shall be contingent upon the approval of the building design and site plan by the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, in its first two years of operation, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire preserve their natural, cultural and historic resources and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in its next biennial budget. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to pass the following resolution:

Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12th highest cost of insurance in the country; and

Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and

Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and

Whereas, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small business cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved

That we, the citizens of New London, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

- Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un – and underinsured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;
- Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;
- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost effective and medically effective; and
- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.

Submitted by petition. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 28

To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. (Majority vote required).

Given under our hands and seal this 11th day of February, two thousand and three.

New London Board of Selectmen


Douglas W. Lyon, Chair


Mark Kaplan


Ruth I. Clough

A true Copy of Warrant - Attest

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



2003 PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS

**2003 AMENDMENTS TO THE NEW LONDON ZONING ORDINANCE
PROPOSED BY THE NEW LONDON PLANNING BOARD
AS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN CLERK ON FEBRUARY 4, 2003**

The amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance proposed by the New London Planning Board are outlined below. The additions are highlighted and the deletions are ~~crossed out~~.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1:

The Planning Board's Amendment No.1 proposes a zoning amendment which will enable the Planning Board to require developers to pay impact fees for off-site improvements necessitated by a development proposal.

RATIONALE:

The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 is to adopt impact fees to allocate a share of town capital costs to the developers and new residents who would bring about quantifiable increases in capital expenditures because of their subdivision, building construction, or development plans. In addition, it is intended that the impact fees will help to prevent scattered or premature development of land that could involve danger or injury to health, safety, or prosperity due to the lack of water supply, drainage, transportation, schools, fire protection, or other public services, or necessitate the excessive expenditure of public funds for the supply of such services.

IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE

Purpose: This ordinance is enacted pursuant to RSA 674:21, and in order to:

- Promote the public health, safety and welfare and prosperity;
- Ensure that adequate and appropriate facilities are available to individuals who may come to be located in the Town of New London;
- Prevent scattered or premature development of land as would involve danger or injury to health, safety, or prosperity by reason of the lack of water supply, drainage, transportation, schools, fire protection, or other public services, or necessitate the excessive expenditure of public funds for the supply of such services;
- Provide for the harmonious development of the municipality and its environs;
- Ensure the proper arrangement and coordination of streets; and,
- Ensure streets of sufficient width to accommodate existing and prospective traffic.

Definitions:

Impact Fee means a fee or assessment imposed upon development, including subdivision, building construction or other land-use change, in order to help meet the needs occasioned by the development for the construction or improvement of capital facilities owned or operated by the municipality, including and limited to water treatment and distribution facilities; wastewater treatment and disposal facilities; sanitary sewers; storm water, drainage and flood control facilities; public road systems and rights-of-way; municipal office facilities; public school facilities;

the municipality's proportional share of capital facilities of a cooperative or regional school district of which the municipality is a member; public safety facilities; solid waste collection, transfer, recycling, processing and disposal facilities; public libraries; and public recreation facilities, not including public open space.

Authority to Assess Impact Fees:

- The Planning Board is hereby authorized to assess impact fees, as herein defined, and in accordance with the standards herein set forth. The Planning Board shall have the authority to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this ordinance.

Assessment Methodology:

- The amount of any impact fee shall be a proportional share of municipal capital improvement costs which is reasonably related to the capital needs created by the development, and to the benefits accruing to the development from the capital improvements financed by the fee.
- Upgrading of existing facilities and infrastructures, the need for which is not created by new development, shall not be paid for by impact fees.

Administration of Impact Fees:

- Each impact fee shall be accounted for separately, shall be segregated from the Town's general fund, may be spent upon order of the governing body, and shall be used solely for the capital improvements made in anticipation of the needs for which fees are collected to meet.
- All impact fees shall be assessed prior to, or as a condition for, the issuance of a building permit or other appropriate permission to proceed with development.
- Between the date of assessment and collection, the Planning Board may require developers to post security, in the form of a cash bond, letter of credit or performance bond so as to guaranty future payment of assessed impact fees.
- Impact fees shall be collected as a condition for the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy; provided however, in projects where off-site improvements are to be constructed simultaneously with a project's development, and where the Town has appropriated the necessary funds to cover such portions of the work for which it will be responsible, the Town may advance the time of collection of the impact fee to the issuance of a building permit.
- The Planning Board and the assessed party may establish an alternate, mutually acceptable schedule of payment of impact fees.

Return of Impact Fee:

If the full impact fee assessed under this ordinance is not encumbered or otherwise legally bound to be spent for the purpose for which it was collected within six years, the fee shall be refunded to the assessed party, with any accrued interest.

- Whenever the calculation of the impact fee has been predicated upon some portion of capital improvement costs being borne by the Town, a refund shall be made upon the failure of the Town Meeting to appropriate the Town's share of the capital improvement costs within six (6) years from the date of payment thereof.

Applicability:

This ordinance shall not be deemed to affect the existing authority of the Planning Board over subdivisions and site plans, including, but not limited to the authority to declare a development to be premature or scattered in accordance with the regulations of the Board and in accordance with RSA 674:36, 11(a).

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO.2:

The Planning Board’s Amendment No.2 proposes to amend **Article II, Paragraph 15. Home Occupations/Home Businesses** to allow a Home Occupation by right and delete the requirement to secure approval of a Site Plan Review by the Planning Board for a Home Occupation. The amendment also revises the provisions on Home Occupations, adds a provision on company vehicles, adds a definition of “Company Vehicle” to **Article III**, and changes references to Home Occupation in the Residential and Conservation Districts.

RATIONALE:

Currently the Zoning Ordinance requires a Site Plan Review approval for a Home Occupation. The purpose of the Planning Board’s Amendment No. 2 is to allow occupations that continuously comply with the criteria for a Home Occupation to be permitted as a use by right and to delete the need for Site Plan Review approval by the Planning Board. Specifically, this amendment would include the following:

1. Amend **Article II, Paragraph 15. Home Occupations/Home Businesses** as follows:
 - A. Intent and Purpose: It is the intent and purpose of these regulations to provide for opportunities for certain types of limited, home occupation or home business uses within residential districts while providing safeguards for the residential uses which are the principal uses within the districts.
 - B. A Home Occupation that continuously meets the criteria listed below is a use permitted by right and is not subject to the Site Plan Review process by the Planning Board. If a Home Occupation changes to a Home Business, then the The Planning Board must determine, through the Site Plan Review process, that any proposed ~~home occupation~~ or home business complies with the criteria outlined ~~as follows:~~ in section 2 below.
 - 1) Home Occupation: An accessory use of a dwelling unit for a business use which results in a product or service. It is an occupation which is carried on by a resident or residents who occupy the dwelling unit and which is clearly subordinate to the residential use of the dwelling unit. To qualify to be defined as a home occupation, an accessory business in the home must meet the following requirements, on an ongoing basis:
 - a. Non-resident ~~No non-resident employees, including sub-contractors, are not permitted in association with a home occupation;~~ in the business;
 - b. No on-premise sign advertising the business;
 - c. No customer, client or employee traffic;
 - d. No additional off-street parking provided;
 - e. ~~No outside operations, storage or display of materials or products;~~
 - e. No more than two company vehicles may be parked outside at the site of a home occupation.

- f. A home occupation shall be conducted within the dwelling unit or in an enclosed accessory structure.
- g. The area within the structure(s) used by the home occupation shall not exceed 25% of the total finished floor area of the dwelling unit or a maximum of 750 square feet, whichever is less.
- h. A home occupation shall not be permitted out-of-doors on the property. There shall be no outside operations, storage, or display of materials or products on an on-going basis.
- i. A home occupation shall not involve the use and storage of heavy vehicles or equipment used in the business such as back-hoes, graders, dump trucks, etc;
- j. The operation of any ~~warehouse~~, wholesale or retail business is prohibited unless it is conducted entirely by mail or by other method of communication and does not involve the sale, shipment or delivery of merchandise from the premises.
- k. A home occupation shall conform with the nuisance provisions outlined in the first paragraph of Article II - General Provisions.
- l. No activity shall be allowed which would interfere with radio or television reception in the area.
- m. ~~Is incidental to the use of the premises as a residence;~~
- ~~m. n-~~ A home occupation shall be Is-compatible with residential uses;
- ~~n. o-~~ A home occupation shall Does not detract from the residential character of the neighborhood.
- ~~p-~~ If there is a change of ownership of the property where a home occupation has been approved by the Planning Board and the new property owner proposes to continue the home occupation, then the new property owner must conduct the home occupation in the same manner and under the same conditions as originally approved by the Planning Board or reapply to the Planning Board for a new Site Plan Review approval.
- ~~q-~~ A Site Plan Review for a Home Occupation approved by the Planning Board shall expire 5 years after the Planning Board approval. A property owner who desires to continue a Home Occupation after expiration of the 5 year period shall reapply to the Planning Board for Site Plan Review approval.

2. Amend **Article V**, Paragraph A., Section 3 as follows:

Home Occupations/Home Businesses in conformance with the provisions of Article II, Section 15 - Home Occupations/Home Businesses. A Home Occupation is a use permitted by right and not subject to the Site Plan Review process. A Home Occupation/Home Business Home Business shall receive approval of a Site Plan Review from the Planning Board prior to being established.

3. Amend **Article VIII**, Paragraph A. Section 2. As follows:

Home Occupations/Home Businesses in conformance with the provisions of Article II, Section 15 - Home Occupations/Home Businesses. A Home Occupation is a use permitted by right and not subject to the Site Plan Review process. A Home Occupation/Home Business Home Business shall receive approval of a Site Plan Review from the Planning Board prior to being established.

4. Amend **Article III** to add a definition of "Company Vehicle" as follows:

26. Company Vehicle: Any motor vehicle used primarily for home business purposes, except any heavy vehicle or equipment as defined herein which are not permitted as part of a home business.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO.3:

The Planning Board's Amendment No.3 proposes to amend **Article II Paragraph 15., Section B., 2. Home Business** to edit the home business provisions, add provisions on employees and company vehicles, and to add a definition of "Company Vehicle" to **Article III**.

RATIONALE:

The primary purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 3 is to add limitations pertaining to employees and company vehicles for Home Businesses in order to eliminate confusion.

Specifically, this amendment would include the following:

1. Amend **Article II**, Paragraph 15., Section B., 2. Home Business as follows:
 - 2) Home Business: An accessory use of a dwelling unit for a business use which results in a product or service. It is a business which is carried on by a resident or residents who occupy the dwelling unit and which is clearly subordinate to the residential use of the dwelling unit. The Planning Board must determine, through the Site Plan Review process, whether any proposed home business complies with the criteria outlined below. To qualify to be defined as a home business, an accessory business in the home must meet the following requirements, on an ongoing basis:
 - a. No more than 2 non-resident employees or subcontractors who use the site of the home business as their base of operations are permitted in association with the business. Non-resident employees or subcontractors who do not come and go from the site are permitted.
 - b. The number, type and size of signs advertising the business shall be in conformance with the sign regulations specified in Article II, Section 10;
 - c. A home business shall not generate customer or client traffic which is excessive for the road(s) providing access, and, as a guideline, the home business will generate no more than an average of 10 customer/client/delivery/service visits per day;
 - d. Adequate off-street parking shall be provided for a home business as determined by the Planning Board. As a guideline, a permissible home business should need no more than 3 parking spaces in excess of parking for the residential use.
 - ~~e. No outside operations, storage or display of materials or products is permitted;~~
 - e. No more than three company vehicles may be parked outside at the site of the home business.
 - f. A home business shall be conducted within the dwelling unit or in an enclosed, accessory structure.
 - g. The area within the structure(s) used by a home business shall not exceed 35% of the total finished floor area of the dwelling unit or a maximum of 1,000 square feet, whichever is less. A home business use, including either a new home business proposal or expansion of an existing home business, which does not comply with the area limitation of 35% of the total finished floor area of the dwelling unit or a maximum of 1,000 square feet, whichever is less, may apply to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for approval of a Use by Special Exception to permit a home business to occupy a maximum of 1,250 square feet or 35% of the total finished floor area of the dwelling unit whichever is less.
 - h. A home business shall not be permitted out-of-doors on the property. There shall be no outside operations, storage, or display of materials or products.

- i. A home business shall not involve the use and storage of heavy vehicles or equipment, as defined in Article III, used in a home business;
- j. A home business shall conform with the nuisance provisions outlined in the first paragraph of Article II - General Provisions.
- k. No activity shall be allowed which would interfere with radio or television reception in the area.
- l. If a home business is the type in which classes are held or instruction is given, there shall be no more than 4 students or pupils at any one time.
- ~~m. Is incidental to the use of the premises as a residence;~~
- ~~m. n. A home business shall be~~ Is compatible with residential uses;
- ~~n. o. A home business shall~~ Does not detract from the residential character of the neighborhood.
- ~~o. p. If there is a change of ownership of the property where a home business has been approved by the Planning Board and the new property owner proposes to continue the same home business, then the new property owner must conduct the home business in the same manner and under the same conditions as originally approved by the Planning Board or must reapply to the Planning Board for a new Site Plan Review approval.~~
- ~~p. If a Final Site Plan Review application for a Home Business is approved by the Planning Board, then the Home Business approval is limited to the application as submitted and approved. If the terms of the approval are exceeded, then the applicant must return to the Planning Board for approval of an amended Final Site Plan Review.~~
- ~~q. A Site Plan Review for a Home Business approved by the Planning Board shall expire five years after the Planning Board approval. A property owner who desires to continue a Home Business after expiration of the five year period shall reapply to the Planning Board for Site Plan Review approval.~~

2. Amend **Article III** to add a definition of "Company Vehicle" as follows:

26. Company Vehicle: Any motor vehicle used primarily for home business purposes, except any heavy vehicle or equipment as defined herein which are not permitted as part of a home business.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO.4:

The Planning Board's Amendment No.4 proposes to add "accessory uses and accessory uses of structures" to those uses permitted by right in **Article VIII Conservation District**.

RATIONALE:

The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 4 is to add " accessory uses and accessory uses of structures" to those uses permitted by right in **Article VIII Conservation District** to be consistent with the provisions in the other Zone Districts.

Specifically, this amendment would involve amending **Article VIII Conservation District**, Paragraph A. Uses Permitted as follows:

A. Uses Permitted

1. Single-family dwellings, forestry, agriculture, golf course, tennis court, stables and riding academies, water recreation and water-storage areas, and nurseries.

2. Home Occupations/Home Businesses in conformance with the provisions of Article II, Section 15 - Home Occupations/Home Businesses. A Home Occupation/Home Business shall receive approval of a Site Plan Review from the Planning Board prior to being established.
 3. Accessory uses and accessory uses of structures.
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PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO.5:

The Planning Board's Amendment No.5 proposes to amend the zoning ordinance to add "Essential Services" as an accessory use in all Zone Districts where it is not currently permitted.

RATIONALE:

The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 5 is to add "Essential Services" as an accessory use in all Zone Districts in order to allow for the legal installation of various utilities, including electric power, water transmission lines, etc. which are included in the definition of "Essential Services" found in **Article III** subject to the current permitting process already in place.

Specifically, this amendment would amend the following articles of the zoning ordinance to add Essential Services as an accessory use:

- A. Amend Article V, Paragraph A.;
 - B. Amend Article VII, Paragraph A.;
 - C. Amend Article VIII, Paragraph A.;
 - D. Amend Article X, Paragraph A.;
 - E. Amend Article XI, Paragraph A.; and
 - F. Amend Article XII, Paragraph A.
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PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO.6:

The Planning Board's Amendment No.6 proposes to amend the definition of "Public Body of Water" in **Article III** to add Murray Pond and Goose Hole Pond to be consistent with the Shore Land Overlay District Boundaries.

RATIONALE:

The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 6 is to provide consistency between the Shore Land Overlay District Boundaries and the definition of "Public Body of Water" in **Article III** by adding Murray Pond and Goose Hole Pond to the definition. This change would clarify that Murray Pond and Goose Hole Pond are subject to the Shore Land Overlay District requirements.

Specifically, this amendment would include amending the definition of "Public Body of Water" in **Article III** as follows:

93. Public Body of Water: Shall consist of Lake Sunapee, Little Lake Sunapee, Pleasant Lake, Otter Pond, Messer Pond, Goose Hole Pond, Murray Pond and Clark Pond.
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PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO 7:

The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 7 proposes to remove references to provisions of Excavation, Removal and Filling of Land deleted by amendments last year.

RATIONALE:

The purpose of the Planning Board’s Amendment No. 7 is to clean up sections inadvertently left off the amendments last year addressing Excavation, Removal and Filling of Land.

Specifically, this amendment would include:

1. Amending **Article XXI Board of Adjustment**, Paragraph L. to remove section 1. as follows:

L. Board of Adjustment involvement in other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance: In addition to the above, the Board of Adjustment is involved in the administration of various other provisions of this ordinance as covered in previous sections. A listing of these provisions, with reference to the applicable article and section, is given below:
 - ~~1. —~~ ~~Excavation, removal and filling of land — Article II, Section 2.~~
 - ~~2.1.~~ Excess height of structures -- Article II, Section 5.
 - ~~3.2.~~ Water recreation and water storage facilities -- Article II, Section 13.
 - ~~4.3.~~ Establishing district boundary lines when not clear -- Article IV, Section C.
 - ~~5.4.~~ Uses Permitted by Special Exception as outlined in Article XIII Wetlands Conservation Overlay District, Paragraph E.

2. Amending **Article II General Provisions**, Paragraph 2 Excavation, Removal, and Filling of Lands, Section c. to remove sub-section vii as follows:

~~vii. — where the excavation, removal, filling or depositing materials is not done for commercial sale of such material.~~

3. Amending **Article II General Provisions**, Paragraph 8. Sanitary Protection, section d. by removing the second sentence as follows:

d. If percolation test is satisfactory but fill is required to meet septic system regulations, and if water flow is not altered, and the characteristic of the terrain is not significantly changed, the Selectmen may issue a permit. ~~However, fill operations which involve the harmony of adjacent land or which might be offensive to neighbors must also have Zoning Board of Adjustment approval and special permit required in Section 2.a. of Article II.~~

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 8:

The Planning Board’s Amendment No.8 proposes to amend **Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District** to clarify the types of land disturbances allowed in the vegetative buffer 50 feet from normal high water in this Overlay District.

RATIONALE:

The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 8 is to clarify the types of land disturbances allowed in the vegetative buffer 50 feet from normal high water in the Shore Land Overlay District. Previous amendments had allowed certain structures, but eliminated the ability to actually construct those structures. This amendment returns the ability to perform some limited construction of erosion control devices within the 50-foot vegetative buffer.

Specifically, this amendment would involve:

1. Amending **Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District**, Paragraph C. 2. as follows:
 2. Single Family Residence and accessory structures and uses provided that all buildings and structures shall be set back a minimum of 50 feet from the normal high water level and constructed in accordance with the erosion control requirements of Section F. No construction or land disturbance whatsoever will be permitted within the vegetative buffer 50 feet from normal high water, except for stairways and walkways, as provided in Section **C.4., D.2. and F.2. e. below III, Paragraph D above**. Unless special construction practices ensure that no land disturbance will occur in the 50 foot vegetative buffer as a result construction activities, all structures must be set back a minimum of 10 feet from the 50 foot vegetative buffer to accommodate land disturbance resulting from such activities.
 2. Amending **Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District**, Paragraph F.,2.,b. as follows:
 - b. No construction or land disturbance whatsoever will be permitted within the vegetative buffer 50 feet from normal high water, except for stairways and walkways, as provided in Section **C.4., D.2. and F.2. e. below III, Paragraph D above**. Unless special construction practices ensure that no land disturbance will occur in the 50 foot vegetative buffer as a result construction activities, all structures must be set back a minimum of 10 feet from the 50 foot vegetative buffer to accommodate land disturbance resulting from such activities. Any existing vegetative buffer 50 feet in depth from normal high water shall be maintained except that:
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PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 9:

The Planning Board's Amendment No.9 proposes to clarify that the boundaries of prime wetlands are determined by their jurisdictional boundaries.

RATIONALE:

The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 9 is to clarify that the boundaries of prime wetlands are determined by the jurisdictional wetland boundaries that can be located on the ground. The current boundaries are arbitrary lines on a map and have no clear referable points available for compliance or enforcement. Jurisdictional wetland boundaries are based on the definition of a "Wetland" in **Article III** which is determined by soils, hydrology and vegetation.

Specifically, this amendment would involve amending **Article XIII Wetlands Conservation Overlay District**, Paragraph B. Overlay District Boundaries, section 2. as follows:

- (2) Prime Wetlands are designated as such by their size, fragility, and uniqueness. The Philbrick-Cricenti Bog, the Low Plain Wetland, and the Goosehole Marsh meet these criteria and are recognized by the New Hampshire Wetlands Board, thereby receiving special consideration by the Wetlands Board. The

boundaries of Prime Wetlands are determined by the jurisdictional boundaries of the wetland as defined herein.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 10:

The Planning Board's Amendment No.10 proposes to allow temporary signs for non-profit events.

RATIONALE:

The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 10 is to amend the sign regulations to permit temporary signs for non-profit events.

Specifically, this amendment would involve amending **Article II General Provisions**, Paragraph 10. Sign Regulation as follows:

A. Amend Section e. PROHIBITED SIGNS, Sub-section (1) as follows:

e. PROHIBITED SIGNS

- (1) Off-site signs, directional or signs not on the premises to which they refer except as provided in Section d., 12.

B. Amend Section d. SIGNS NOT REQUIRING A PERMIT by adding a new section 12. as follows:

12. Signs for Temporary Events for Nonprofit Organizations

- a) One temporary on-premise sign not to be erected more than 7 days prior to the event and removed within 24 hours after conclusion of the event. The size of the sign is controlled by that allowed under the underlying Zone District for permanent signs. Any type of sign would be permitted including a sandwich board sign, a banner, etc.
- b) Temporary off-site directional signs are permitted for non-profit events that involve a street tour over a circuitous route (such as bicycle tours, walkathons, garden tours, house tours, etc.) provided they are erected the day of the event and are removed within 24 hours after conclusion of the event. Each temporary off-site directional sign shall not exceed one (1) sq. ft. in size.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 11:

The Planning Board's Amendment No.11 proposes to revise references to signs in the residential districts to be consistent with the sign regulations in **Article II**.

RATIONALE:

The purpose of the Planning Board's Amendment No. 11 is to change sections of the ordinance on signs permitted in residential districts to be consistent with the sign regulations as amended.

Specifically, this amendment would involve amending **Article V. Residential Districts**, Paragraph A., Section 6. to make the sign provisions consistent with **Article II**, Section 10, Sign Regulation as follows:

6. Signs in the Residential Districts shall conform with the provisions Article II, Section 10. Sign Regulation. ~~Property owners or tenants with business, professional, or other service enterprises shall be allowed two advertising signs each no larger than 4 square feet, relating only to the use or uses conducted in the building or on the immediate premises thereof; also 2 signs pertaining to the lease, sale, or use of a lot or building on which placed.~~
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PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 12:

The Planning Board's Amendment No.12 proposes to authorize the Planning Board, when approving new subdivisions, to require environmentally sound measures, including cutting restrictions, building envelopes and erosion control procedures for new lots located in the Shore Land Overlay District and to add a definition of “Building Envelope”.

RATIONALE:

The purpose of the Planning Board’s Amendment No. 12 is to provide the authority in the Zoning Ordinance for the Planning Board to develop and adopt provisions in the Land Subdivision Control Regulations to require environmentally sound measures, including cutting restrictions, building envelopes and erosion control procedures, for new lots located in the Shore Land Overlay District.

Specifically, this amendment would involve:

1. Amending **Article XVI Shore Land Overlay District**, Paragraph D. General Provisions by adding a new section 5. as follows:

5. As an additional means to implement the purposes of this article as articulated in Paragraph A, this section authorizes the Planning Board to adopt regulations which require environmentally sound measures governing the development of a tract of land , including, but not limited to, cutting restrictions, the proper design, layout and location of building envelopes, the appropriate siting of structures and improvements, and erosion control procedures for new lots located in the Shore Land Overlay District through the subdivision process.

2. Amending **Article III Definitions** to add a definition for “Building Envelope” as follows:

22. Building Envelope: The portion of a lot remaining after deleting undevelopable areas including wetlands & wetland buffers, lakes, ponds & their buffers, steep slopes and any applicable setback requirements and may be restricted further for new lots in the Shore Land Overlay District to protect the water resources.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



2003 TOWN BUDGET NEW LONDON

BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: NEW LONDON

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the (date) February 12, 2003.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

W Barry Wright
Shelby Blunt
Suzanne H. Jersseman
Leticia H. Blanchard

April D. Whittaker
Lauren D. Baxter

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

BUDGET OF THE TOWN (MS-7)

Appropriation/Expenditures January 1, 2002 – December 31, 2002

Proposed Budget January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003

Purposes of Appropriation RSA 31:4	Warrant Article	2002 Appropriation	Expended 12-31-02	Selectmen's Proposed	Budget Comm. Proposed
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Executive	3	\$170,451	\$158,006	177,479	177,479
Election, Registration & Vital	3	60,251	57,936	50,164	50,164
Financial Administration	3	205,475	194,232	189,984	189,984
Revaluation of Property	3	29,800	28,192	36,800	36,800
Legal Expense	4	45,300	16,906	35,300	35,300
Employee Benefits	3	131,800	126,446	140,800	140,800
Planning & Zoning Boards	3	32,512	31,253	33,775	33,775
General Government Buildings	3	114,055	89,889	83,330	83,330
Cemeteries	3	31,999	21,831	29,193	29,193
Insurance	3	38,500	43,920	44,400	44,400
Advertising (Tourism) & Reg. Assoc.	3	10,551	10,235	10,551	10,551
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police Department	5	492,105	474,348	561,680	561,680
Fire Department	5	124,994	122,766	138,915	138,915
Firewards	5	520	424	528	528
Emergency Management	5	2,256	2,302	36,232	36,232
Police Dispatch	5	209,715	192,072	216,625	216,625
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					
Highway Administration	6	428,843	408,697	502,417	502,417
Highway & Streets	6	477,900	287,477	481,200	481,200
Street Lighting	6	25,600	19,732	23,000	23,000
SANITATION					
Transfer Station	7	392,160	340,916	401,786	401,786
Solid Waste Cleanup	7	16,600	12,891	21,790	21,790
Sewage Collection & Disposal	7	522,000	522,000	522,000	522,000
HEALTH					
Health Administration	8	11,558	5,993	11,783	11,783
Health Agencies	8	17,368	17,836	18,804	18,804
WELFARE					
Welfare-Administration	8	541	540	541	541
Intergovernmental Welfare	8	3,203	3,203	3,363	3,363
Welfare-Vendor Payments	8	3,500	2,420	3,500	3,500

Purposes of Appropriation RSA 31:4	Warrant Article	2002 Appropriation	Expended 12-31-02	Selectmen's Proposed	Budget Comm. Proposed
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Parks & Recreation	9	118,369	106,973	121,785	121,785
Tracy Memorial Library	9	254,350	254,350	306,000	306,000
Patriotic Purposes	9	300	300	300	300
Other Culture	9, 21	3,000	630	4,000	4,000
CONSERVATION					
Conservation-Administration	10	8,102	3,434	16,502	16,502
Other Conservation	10	10,900	8,891	10,000	10,000
DEBT SERVICE					
Bonded Debt	11	125,000	125,000	120,000	120,000
Interest	11	81,563	81,563	74,363	74,363
Tans		1,000	0	0	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Capital Outlay-Vehicles, Mach., Equip.	13,14,15	484,000	470,957	177,900	177,900
Capital Outlay – Buildings	17	70,000	70,000	25,000	25,000
Capital Outlay-Improvements	16,18,19	363,764	477,699	149,000	149,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
Transfers to Capital Reserves	12,20,22-24	423,240	423,240	595,692	595,692
TOTAL		\$ 5,543,145	\$ 5,215,497	\$ 5,376,482	\$ 5,376,482

10% LIMITATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS

TOTAL RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$5,376,482
LESS EXCLUSIONS: Principal-Long Term Debt	\$120,000
Interest-Long Term Debt	\$74,363
TOTAL EXCLUSIONS	\$194,363
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED LESS EXCLUSION AMOUNT	\$5,182,119
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE INCREASE	\$518,212

BUDGET OF THE TOWN (MS-7)

Estimated 2002 Revenue/Actual 2002 Receipts
Estimated Revenue January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenues	Received 12-31-02	Selectmen's Proposed	Budget Comm. Proposed
TAXES				
Land Use Change Tax (CU)	13,500	13,500	12,000	12,000
Yield Tax	7,257	7,258	8,000	8,000
Interest & Penalties	35,500	35,065	32,500	32,500
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
Business Licenses	12,500	19,201	15,650	15,650
Motor Vehicles Fees	653,600	744,781	713,600	713,600
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	30,215	34,047	30,600	30,600
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FEMA Storm Grant	1,489	1,489	0	0
DOT Sidewalk Grant	270,153	214,959	0	0
Police Grants	2,500	0	0	0
Generator Grant	0	0	24,000	24,000
Other Federal Grants	0	0	10,000	10,000
FROM STATE				
Shared Revenue Block Grant	30,524	57,685	30,524	30,524
Meals & Rooms Tax	120,628	120,628	107,300	107,300
Highway Block Grant	101,527	101,527	110,685	110,685
Water Pollution Grants	20,026	20,026	17,457	17,457
Other State Grants & Reimbursements	0	0	1,000	1,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
Income from Departments	99,085	99,378	104,010	104,010
Other Charges	11,575	11,912	17,500	17,500
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
Sale of Municipal Property	17,100	22,277	13,000	13,000
Interest on Investments	50,400	39,402	50,400	50,400
Other	172,073	163,167	207,469	207,469
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
Enterprise Fund – Sewer	568,694	568,694	564,254	564,254
Capital Reserve Fund	651,753	695,104	305,900	305,900
Trust & Agency Funds	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Fund Balance To Reduce Taxes	100,000	100,000	0	0
Fund Balance used for Appropriations	0	0	2,000	2,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	2,975,099	3,075,099	2,382,849	2,382,849

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



2002 FINANCIALS NEW LONDON

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2002
(UNAUDITED)

Account Name	Appropriations	Total Amount Available	Expended 12-31-02	Encumbered Forward	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Executive	\$170,451.00	\$170,451.00	\$158,005.64		\$12,445.36	
Election & Registration	60,251.00	60,251.00	57,936.27		\$2,314.73	
Financial Administration	205,475.00	205,475.00	194,231.64		\$11,243.36	
Revaluation of Property	29,800.00	29,800.00	28,191.56		\$1,608.44	
Legal Expense	45,300.00	45,300.00	16,905.75		\$28,394.25	
Employee Benefits	131,800.00	131,800.00	126,446.18		\$5,353.82	
Planning & Zoning	32,512.00	32,512.00	31,252.51		\$1,259.49	
General Govt Buildings	114,055.00	114,055.00	89,888.61	1,966.00	\$22,200.39	
Cemeteries	31,999.00	31,999.00	21,830.90	5,000.00	\$5,168.10	
Insurance	38,500.00	38,500.00	43,919.70			5,419.70
Regional Associations	10,551.00	10,551.00	10,234.65		\$316.35	
Police Department	492,105.00	492,105.00	474,347.87		\$17,757.13	
Fire Department	124,994.00	124,994.00	122,765.85		\$2,228.15	
Firewards	520.00	520.00	424.36		\$95.64	
Emergency Management	2,256.00	2,256.00	2,301.85			45.85
Police Dispatch	209,715.00	209,715.00	192,071.75		\$17,643.25	
Highway Administration	428,843.00	428,843.00	408,696.99		\$20,146.01	
Highways & Streets	477,900.00	477,900.00	287,476.80	145,592.20	\$44,831.00	
Street Lighting	25,600.00	25,600.00	19,732.46		\$5,867.54	
Transfer Station	392,160.00	392,160.00	340,916.12		\$51,243.88	
Solid Waste Cleanup	16,600.00	16,600.00	12,891.34		\$3,708.66	
Sewage Collection & Disp.	522,000.00	522,000.00	522,000.00			
Health Department	11,558.00	11,558.00	5,992.51		\$5,565.49	
Health Agencies	17,368.00	17,368.00	17,836.00			468.00
Welfare - Administration	541.00	541.00	540.25		\$0.75	
Intergovernmental Welfare	3,203.00	3,203.00	3,203.00			
Welfare - Vendor Payments	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,420.00		\$1,080.00	
Parks & Recreation	118,369.00	118,369.00	106,973.03		\$11,395.97	
Tracy Memorial Library	254,350.00	254,350.00	254,350.00			
Patriotic Purposes	300.00	300.00	300.00			
Other Culture - Archives	3,000.00	3,000.00	630.21	365.00	\$2,004.79	
Conservation - Admin.	8,102.00	8,102.00	3,433.65		\$4,668.35	
Other Conservation - Trees	10,900.00	10,900.00	8,891.00	2,000.00	\$9.00	
Bonded Debt	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00			
Bonded Debt-Interest	81,563.00	81,563.00	81,562.50		\$0.50	
TANS	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00		\$1,000.00	
Capital Outlay: Vehicles, Mach.	484,000.00	484,000.00	470,957.10	2,000.00	\$11,042.90	
Capital Outlay: Buildings	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00		\$0.00	
Capital Outlay: Improvements	363,764.00	363,764.00	477,698.79			113,934.79
Transfers to Cap. Reserve	423,240.00	423,240.00	423,240.00		\$0.00	
2000 Encumbered Forward		95,644.42	49,229.84	46,414.58		
TOTAL	\$5,543,145.00	\$5,638,789.42	\$5,264,726.68	\$203,337.78	\$290,593.30	(119,868.34)
NET UNEXPENDED					\$170,724.96	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2002
(UNAUDITED)

<u>TITLE OF REVENUE</u>	<u>2002 Estimate</u>	<u>2002 Revenues</u>
Land Use Change Taxes	13,500.00	13,500.00
Yield Taxes	7,257.00	7,257.57
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	35,500.00	35,064.99
Business Licenses	12,500.00	19,200.58
Motor Vehicle Fees	653,600.00	744,780.88
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	30,215.00	34,046.66
FEMA Storm Grant	1,489.00	1,488.88
Sidewalk Grant	270,153.00	214,959.45
Copsmore Grant	2,500.00	0.00
Shared Revenue Block Grant	30,524.00	57,685.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	120,628.00	120,628.24
Highway Block Grant	101,527.00	101,526.59
State Aid Water Pollution Control	20,026.00	20,026.00
Income from Departments	99,085.00	99,378.06
Income from Sewer Department	522,000.00	522,000.00
Other Charges	11,575.00	11,911.50
Special Assessments	7,723.00	7,723.00
Sale of Municipal Property	17,100.00	22,277.18
Interest on Investments	50,400.00	39,401.74
Rent of Town Property	39,329.00	39,603.96
Fines & Forfeits	4,025.00	4,130.00
Insurance Reimbursements	65,191.00	65,497.54
Insurance Dividends	16,161.00	6,161.76
Contributions & Refunds	3,165.00	2,695.44
Revenue - Other Misc Sources	44,202.00	45,078.67
Transfers - Sewer Department	38,971.00	38,971.50
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds	651,753.00	695,103.86
Transfers - Trust & Agency Funds	5,000.00	5,000.00
Budgetary Use of Fund Balance	100,000.00	100,000.00
TOTAL	2,975,099.00	3,075,099.05

SUMMARY OF GROSS RECEIPTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2002

(UNAUDITED)

BY TAXATION:

Prior Year Property Tax	397,403.83
Interest	29,744.08
Tax Sales Redeemed	44,347.39
Yield Tax	253.05
2002 Property Tax	10,547,780.72
Interest	5,290.36
Over Payments	21,739.45
Yield Tax	7,257.57
Land Use Change Tax	13,500.00

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

State Revenue Sharing Block Grant	57,685.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	120,628.24
Highway Block Grant	20,026.00
Other State Grants & Reimbursements	101,526.59

FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

FEMA Grant	1,488.88
DOT Sidewalk Grant	214,959.45
Health Officer Computer Grant	3,000.00

FROM LOCAL SOURCES, EXCEPT TAXES

Business Licenses	19,250.58
Motor Vehicle Fees	746,714.88
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	34,072.94
Income from Departments	99,378.06
Sewer User Charges	522,000.00
Other Charges	11,911.50
Sewer Betterment/Goose Hole	9,032.41
Sales of Municipal Property	22,277.18
Interest on Investments	39,401.74
Rents of Property	39,603.96
Fines & Forfeits	4,130.00
Insurance Reimbursements	65,497.54
Insurance Dividends	6,161.76
Contributions & Refunds	14,106.27
Revenue - Other Misc. Sources	45,078.67
Transfers - Sewer Department	38,971.50
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds	695,103.86
Transfers - Trust & Agency Fund	5,672.58
Cemetery Lot Sales	7,400.00
Payments Due State	14,657.00
Payments Due NL Sewer Comm.	(57,949.65)
Refunds from Library (Payroll)	173,560.18
Refunds from Sewer (Payroll)	95,738.88
2001 Accounts Receivable	11,282.46

TOTAL RECEIPTS

14,249,684.91

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2002
(UNAUDITED)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 158,005.64
Election, Registration & Vitals	57,936.27
Financial Administration	194,231.64
Revaluation of Property	28,191.56
Legal Expenses	16,905.75
Personnel Administration	126,446.18
Planning and Zoning	31,252.51
General Governmental Buildings	89,888.61
Cemeteries	21,830.90
Insurance	43,919.70
Regional Associations	10,234.65

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	474,347.87
Fire Department	122,765.85
Firewards	424.36
Emergency Management	2,301.85
Dispatch	192,071.75

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Highway Administration	408,696.99
Highways and Streets	287,476.80
Street Lighting	19,732.46

SANITATION

Transfer Station	340,916.12
Solid Waste Cleanup	12,891.34
Sewage Collection & Disposal	522,000.00

HEALTH

Health Department	5,992.51
Health Agencies	17,836.00

WELFARE

Welfare – Administration	540.25
Intergovernmental Welfare	3,203.00
Welfare-Vendor Payments	2,420.00

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation	106,973.03
Tracy Memorial Library	254,350.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00
Other Culture - Archives	630.21

CONSERVATION

Conservation – Administration	3,433.65
Care of Trees	8,891.00

DEBT SERVICE

Principal on Long Term Debt	125,000.00
Interest on Long Term Notes	81,562.50

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Vehicles, Mach., Equipment	470,957.10
Buildings (Maint. Projects)	70,000.00
Improvements	477,698.79

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds	423,240.00
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TOTAL PAYMENTS - 2002 WARRANT

\$5,215,496.84***OTHER PAYMENTS**

Merrimack County Taxes	1,229,304.00
Statewide Education Property Tax	1,569,575.00
NL Sewer (Job Seamans/Birch Acres)	18,856.66
NL Sewer (Edmunds Road)	19,842.27
State of New Hampshire	14,628.50
Kearsarge Regional School District	5,309,453.00
Trustee of the Trust Funds	7,200.00
Taxes Bought by Town	63,711.02
Water Precinct Taxes	371,067.00
Milfoil Project Reimbursements	699.58
Refunds	27,100.77
Salaries - Library	173,560.18
Salaries - Sewer	95,738.88
Payroll Deductions	(1,911.30)
Adjustment-Sewer Budget	(96,648.58)
2001 Encumbered	53,801.04
2001 Accounts Payable	32,542.80

TOTAL OTHER PAYMENTS

8,888,520.82**2002 SELECTMEN'S ORDERS PAID**

\$14,104,017.66

* Total Payments - 2002 Warrant	\$5,215,496.84
Adjustment - Sewer Payments	(96,648.58)
2001 Accounts Payable	32,542.80
2001 Encumbered	54,801.13

Expended Dec. 31, 2002

\$5,206,192.19

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

	Tracy Library & Goose Hole Sewer July 15, 1990		Sewer Construction July 9, 1993		Facilities Bond & Edmunds Road Sewer July 22, 1999	
Maturities	Original Amount	Interest Rate	Original Amount	Interest Rate	Original Amount	Interest Rate
	\$799,230		\$345,000		\$1,250,000	
2003	50,000	6.90	20,000	5.10	50,000	5.00
2004	50,000	7.00	20,000	5.25	50,000	5.00
2005	50,000	7.00	20,000	5.40	55,000	5.00
2006			20,000	5.40	55,000	5.00
2007			20,000	5.50	55,000	5.00
2008			20,000	5.60	60,000	5.00
2009					60,000	5.25
2010					65,000	5.25
2011					65,000	5.25
2012					65,000	5.25
2013					65,000	5.25
2014					70,000	5.25
2015					75,000	5.25
2016					75,000	5.25
2017					80,000	5.25
2018					85,000	5.25
2019					80,000	5.25
	<u>\$ 150,000</u>		<u>\$ 120,000</u>		<u>\$ 1,110,000</u>	

LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Comparative Balance Sheet
December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001

Amount to be provided for retirement of Long Term Debt:

	2002	2001
Due from General Fund		
Town's Share	\$1,055,000.00	\$1,122,314.00
Due from Sewer Commission	304,974.00	362,000.00
Due from N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission	20,026.00	<u>20,686.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,380,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,505,000.00</u>
Long Term Debt Outstanding		
Tracy Library & G H Sewer Bond - 1990	\$150,000.00	200,000.00
Sewer Construction Bond - 1993	\$120,000.00	145,000.00
Facilities & Edmunds Rd Sewer Bond - 1999	\$1,110,000.00	<u>1,160,000.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$1,380,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,505,000.00</u>

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

2002 TAX RATE ANALYSIS

Land (all)	\$330,460,327
Residential Buildings	317,599,107
Public Utilities	3,829,700
Commercial Buildings	36,383,900
Valuation before exemptions:	\$688,273,034

Less exemptions:	
Elderly Exemptions	\$135,000
Physically Handicapped	222,200
Solar Exemptions	74,926
School Exemption	650,000
Less total exemptions:	\$(1,082,126)

NET VALUATION FOR TAX RATE	\$687,190,908
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EQUALIZED VALUATION (without utilities), used for State Education Taxes	\$683,361,208
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TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Town, Local Education & County taxes assessed:	7,544,064	10,955,452	Tax commitment to collector
State Education taxes assessed	3,069,584	(19,069)	Less: Abatements
Less: Veterans' credits	(37,400)		
Plus: Supplemental billing	19,450		
Plus: Water Precinct Taxes	371,067		
Less: Assessor Adjustments	(30,382)		
	\$10,936,383	\$10,936,383	

PROOF OF TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Formula: Money to be raised by taxes divided by net valuation = TAX RATE

Town, Local Education & County Tax	\$7,544,064 ÷ 687,190,908	= \$10.98
Statewide Education Property Tax	\$3,069,584 ÷ 683,361,208	= \$ 4.49
2002 Tax Rate		\$ 15.47

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN	2002	2001	2000	1999
Town	3.97	4.09	3.86	3.64
Local Education	5.24	6.78	6.16	5.53
State Education	4.49	6.71	6.54	6.61
County	<u>1.77</u>	<u>2.47</u>	<u>2.24</u>	<u>2.11</u>
Tax Rate (not in water precinct)	15.47	20.05	18.80	17.89
Water Precinct	1.69	0.88	0.62	0.60
Tax Rate (in water precinct)	17.16	20.93	19.42	18.49

TREASURER

The Town's cash position is strong at year-end and it is expected that we will continue to operate without any tax anticipation borrowing. As in past years, short-term funds are invested in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool, which provides safe and reasonable returns. The Pool was established in accordance with NH RSA 383:22 and is now managing over \$500 million in public funds. Investments include short-term U.S. Treasury obligations, State and Municipal obligations, certificates of deposits from A1/P1-rated banks, and overnight to 30-day repurchase agreements.

Our local government is vigilant in watching its purse strings and department heads are conscientious in keeping spending under control in this ever-tightening fiscal environment. Carolyn Fraley, the Town's Finance Officer, skillfully manages the Town's expenditures and is invaluable in maintaining the Town's financial records. Also, the entire staff at the Town Offices, under Jessie Levine's leadership, the Town Administrator, is to be commended. New London is very fortunate to have such an able crew.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Theroux

Treasurer

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

The Trustees of the Trust Funds met four times during the year to monitor investment performance of the Town Trust Funds and Capital Reserves. Distributions of interest and dividend payments were made to the Library and Capital Reserve Funds were paid to the Town as requested.

Once again, it was a challenging year for the capital markets. The Trustees reaffirmed their commitment to a conservative investment strategy, with an asset allocation of 70% in Treasuries and cash and 30% in equities. The major investments in equities consist of Index Funds with only a very small percentage in the one actively managed fund in the portfolio.

With lowered interest rates on cash accounts, the decision was made to invest some of the excess cash in SPDRS, Mid Cap Depository Receipts, and Income Funds. In keeping with the percentage invested in Treasury Notes, those that come due are rolled over. This year, one was replaced with a 10-year T-Note at 4% due November 15, 2012.

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the receipt of money from the estate of Steven M. Mendelson. This money was gifted specifically for the Haddad Bandstand and we look forward to working with the Bandstand Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Herbert, Chair

William Fellerman

Martin Feins

NEW LONDON TOWN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2002
(UNAUDITED)

General Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2002	\$4,519,465.37	
Amounts Received January 1 - Dec. 31, 2002	<u>\$14,249,684.91</u>	\$18,769,150.28
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 2002	\$14,104,017.66	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2002	<u>\$4,665,132.62</u>	\$18,769,150.28

Conservation Commission Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2002	\$4,973.58	
Amounts Received January 1 - Dec. 31, 2002	<u>\$110.61</u>	\$5,084.19
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 2002	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2002	<u>\$5,084.19</u>	\$5,084.19

Conservation Commission Esther Currier Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2002	\$984.05	
Amounts Received January 1 - Dec. 31, 2002	<u>\$12.49</u>	\$996.54
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 2002	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2002	<u>\$996.54</u>	\$996.54

Conservation Commission Low Plains Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2002	\$3,532.22	
Amounts Received January 1 - Dec. 31, 2002	<u>\$51.49</u>	\$3,583.71
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 2002	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2002	<u>\$3,583.71</u>	\$3,583.71

Tree Releaf Escrow Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2002	\$916.49	
Amounts Received January 1-Dec.31, 2002	<u>\$164.69</u>	\$1,081.18
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1-Dec.31, 2002	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2002	<u>\$1,081.18</u>	\$1,081.18

Robert Cottrill Escrow Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2002	\$1,011.50	
Amounts Received January 1 - Dec. 31, 2002	<u>\$8.12</u>	\$1,019.62
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 2002	\$1,019.62	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2002	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$1,019.62

Snow Construction Escrow Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2002	\$0.00	
Amounts Received January 1 - Dec. 31, 2002	<u>\$1,008.13</u>	\$1,008.13
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 2002	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2002	<u>\$1,008.13</u>	\$1,008.13

Cricenti's Market Inc. Escrow Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2002	\$0.00	
Amounts Received January 1 - Dec. 31, 2002	<u>\$7,424.32</u>	\$7,424.32
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 2002	\$3,960.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2002	<u>\$3,464.32</u>	\$7,424.32

Dale R. Dewispelaere Escrow Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2002	\$0.00	
Amounts Received January 1 - Dec. 31, 2002	<u>\$1,001.33</u>	\$1,001.33
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 2002	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2002	<u>\$1,001.33</u>	\$1,001.33

Bell Engineering Escrow Accounts

Cash on Hand January 1, 2002	\$1,204.17	
Amounts Received January 1 - Dec. 31, 2002	<u>\$17.55</u>	\$1,221.72
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 2002	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2002	<u>\$1,221.72</u>	\$1,221.72

George Williams Trust Subdivision Escrow Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2002	\$0.00	
Amounts Received January 1 - Dec. 31, 2002	<u>\$70,796.47</u>	\$70,796.47
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 2002		
Cash on Hand December 31, 2002	<u>\$70,796.47</u>	\$70,796.47

SEWER COMMISSION ACCOUNTS (Unaudited)**Sewer Operating Account**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2002	\$156,997.37	
Amounts Received January 1 - Dec. 31, 2002	<u>\$560,540.01</u>	\$717,537.38
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 2002	\$530,956.42	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2002	<u>\$186,580.96</u>	\$717,537.38

Sewer Replacement/Rehabilitation Accounts

Cash on Hand January 1, 2002	\$252,909.61	
Amounts Received January 1 - Dec. 31, 2002	<u>\$25,351.86</u>	\$278,261.47
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 2002	\$0.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2002	<u>\$278,261.47</u>	\$278,261.47

Sewer (Edmunds Road) Construction Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2002	\$15,709.53	
Amounts Received January 1 - Dec. 31, 2002	<u>\$27,855.19</u>	\$43,564.72
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 2002	\$26,297.50	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2002	<u>\$17,267.22</u>	\$43,564.72

Job Seamans/Birch Acres Operating Accounts

Cash on Hand January 1, 2002	\$8,834.20	
Amounts Received January 1 - Dec. 31, 2002	<u>\$32,942.31</u>	\$41,776.51
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 2002	\$32,725.00	
Cash on Hand December 31, 2002	<u>\$9,051.51</u>	\$41,776.51

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Theroux

Treasurer

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS REPORT -- MS9

Year	Name Of Fund	How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Fund Created	Gains/Losses	W/D	End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income Over Year	Expended Over Year	End Balance	Principal Only Market Value 12/31/01	Unrealized	12/31/2002	Total Market Value
1951	Jane A Tracy Fund	PDIP #0024	5,629.77				7,425.82	(1,796.05)	1,866.02	107.46	1,973.48	5,629.77		(1,796.05)	177.43
	AG Edwards Money Mkt. Fund			7,425.82			7,615.91	(190.09)	190.09		190.09			(190.09)	
	Midcap 400 S&P Dep. Receipts (357 shs.)		33,044.23				33,044.23		258.24	258.24		33,129.60	(5,051.55)	28,078.05	28,078.05
	S&P 500 Depository Receipts (112shs.)		13,083.36				13,083.36		162.99	162.99		12,801.60	(2,919.84)	9,881.76	9,881.76
	GMAC 7.125% 1211		35,000.00				35,000.00		2,569.96	2,569.96		33,673.15	(874.30)	32,798.85	32,798.85
	GMAC 7.125% 8/15/12			20,000.00			20,000.00		455.21	455.21			(444.40)	19,555.60	19,555.60
	Pimco Corp Income Fund			7,615.91			7,615.91		58.44	58.44			(58.91)	7,557.00	7,557.00
	US TREAS NOTE 6 3/8% 802		20,481.25		(481.25)		20,000.00		1,275.00	1,275.00		20,568.80			
	US TREAS NOTE 6 1/4 % 203		24,570.32				24,570.32		1,562.50	1,562.50		26,109.50	(961.00)	25,148.50	25,148.50
	US TREAS NOTE 5 1/2% 0203		19,915.38				19,915.38		1,100.00	1,100.00		20,750.00	(612.40)	20,137.60	20,137.60
	US TREAS NOTE 7 1/4% 504		24,745.31				24,745.31		1,812.50	1,812.50		27,179.75	(172.00)	27,007.75	27,007.75
	US TREAS NOTE 6 1/2% 505		20,706.25				20,706.25		1,300.00	1,300.00		21,612.60	587.40	22,200.00	22,200.00
	US TREAS NOTE 5 5/8% 206		19,963.80				19,963.80		1,125.00	1,125.00		21,075.00	1,075.00	22,150.00	22,150.00
	US TREAS NOTE 6 1/8% 0807		34,793.85				34,793.85		2,143.76	2,143.76		37,657.90	2,592.10	40,250.00	40,250.00
	US TREAS NOTE 5 5/8% 0508		9,984.10				9,984.10		562.50	562.50		10,481.30	865.60	11,346.90	11,346.90
	US TREAS NOTE 4 3/4% 1108		19,991.00				19,991.00		950.00	950.00		19,925.00	1,906.20	21,831.20	21,831.20
	Fed Farm Credit Bk 6.01% 0610		18,554.00				18,554.00		1,202.00	1,202.00		20,172.00	2,210.60	22,382.60	22,382.60
	Dreyfus S&P 500 Index Fund (1123.678 shs)		23,771.18				23,771.18		348.34	348.34		37,553.31	(8,765.15)	28,788.16	28,788.16
	Fidelity Spartan Market Index (649,161 shs)		31,028.41				31,028.41		647.66	647.66		51,212.31	(11,957.54)	39,254.77	39,254.77
	Janus Worldwide Fund (362,077 shs)		13,715.72				13,715.72		111.18	111.18		15,872.46	(4,239.93)	11,632.53	11,632.53
	Tracy Fund Total		368,977.93	35,041.73	(481.25)	35,041.73	368,496.68	2,056.11	17,752.74	17,645.28	2,163.57	415,405.05	(26,820.12)	388,016.13	390,179.70
1913	Sarah & Elizabeth Brown Fund	NH PDIP #0013	1,692.34				1,692.34	592.03	34.11		626.14	1,692.34		1,692.34	2,318.48
1945	Ann Mary Jelly Fund	NH PDIP #0011	129.87				129.87	37.95	3.22		41.17	129.87		129.87	171.04
1962	Kathleen L Whitcomb Fund	NH PDIP #0012	39.09				39.09	19.31	0.05		19.36	39.09		39.09	58.45
	Whitcomb Fund Total	491,795 Puritan Fund Shares	6,336.13				6,336.13		127.87	127.87		8,483.46	(718.02)	7,765.44	7,765.44
			6,375.22				6,375.22	19.31	127.92	127.87	19.36	8,522.55	(718.02)	7,804.53	7,823.89
1982	Fire Vehicle Fund	NH PDIP #1830003	162,228.41	65,000.00		219,561.23	7,667.18		2,214.65		2,214.65	162,228.41		7,667.18	9,881.83
1986	Police Department Scholarship Fund	NH PDIP #1830020	146.32				146.32	38.58	3.62		42.20	146.32		146.32	188.52
1993	Gen'l Cemetery Maint Fund	NH PDIP #1830007	21,972.52				16,972.52		322.80		322.80	16,972.52		16,972.52	17,295.32
1993	Waste H2O Treatment Equipment	AG Edwards Money Mkt. Fund		80,000.00			79,008.66		33.15	(1,283.75)					
	Waste Water Fund Total	U.S. Treas Note 3.25% due 5/31/04	106,762.00	991.34		150,000.00	(42,246.66)	49,130.06	1,283.75	1,283.75		106,762.00		81,098.24	81,098.24
		NH PDIP #1830005	106,762.00	160,000.00		230,000.00	36,762.00	49,130.06	957.01		50,087.07	106,762.00		(42,246.66)	7,840.41
									2,273.91		51,403.97	106,762.00	2,089.58	38,851.58	90,255.55
1993	Highway Heavy Equipment	NH PDIP #1830016	35,144.26	115,100.70		158,059.00	(7,814.04)	19,619.34	1,315.24		20,934.58	35,144.26		(7,814.04)	13,120.54
1993	Revaluation Fund	NH PDIP #1830006	150,000.00	15,000.00		127,762.00	37,238.00	28,348.89	2,534.03		30,882.92	150,000.00		37,238.00	68,120.92
1993	Tracy Library Building Maint. Fund	NH PDIP #1830009	10,845.74	5,000.00		15,845.74			188.82		188.82	10,845.74		15,845.74	16,034.56
1995	Conservation Comm. Land Fund	NH PDIP #1830010						2,641.50	39.52		2,681.02				2,681.02

Year	Name Of Fund	How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Fund Created	Gains/Losses	W/D	End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income Over Year	Expended Over Year	End Balance	Principal Only Market Value 12/31/01	Unrealized	12/31/2002	Total Market Value
1995	Dispatch Radio Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #1830017	6,621.84	5,000.00			11,621.84	4,184.46	188.38		4,372.84	6,621.84		11,621.84	15,994.68
1996	Sidewalk Project Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #1830018	45,000.00	37,787.78		51,813.00	30,974.78	1,925.14	817.91		2,743.05	45,000.00		30,974.78	33,717.83
1996	Town Generator Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #1830019						1,673.72	25.38		1,699.10				1,699.10
1997	Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #1830021	40,000.00	10,000.00			50,000.00	4,805.06	724.21		5,529.27	40,000.00		50,000.00	55,529.27
1997	Computer Maintenance Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #1830022	2,295.88	1,000.00			3,295.88		39.80	(360.99)	377.10	2,295.88		3,295.88	3,335.68
1998	Dictaphone Replacement Cap. Res.	AG Edwards Money Mkt. Fund Discover Bank 4.8% due 6/19/07		15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00		16.11						377.10
		NH PDIP #1830023	13,003.00	15,000.00		15,000.00	(1,997.00)	2,413.72	360.99	360.99	2,509.79	13,003.00	501.00	15,501.00	15,501.00
	Dictaphone Replacement Total:		13,003.00	30,000.00		30,000.00	13,003.00	2,413.72	96.07		2,886.89	13,003.00	501.00	13,504.00	16,390.89
1999	Copler Replacement Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #1830025					422.11	7.02			429.13				429.13
1999	New Highway Equipment Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #1830026	36,878.00	16,542.00			53,420.00	1,835.15	667.94		2,503.09	36,878.00		53,420.00	55,923.09
2000	Highway Building Capital Reserve	AG Edwards Money Mkt. Fund US Treas. Note 3.25% due 5/31/2004		75,000.00		75,000.00	49,022.46		35.64	(796.25)	831.89			50,301.44	831.89
		Silvergate Bank CD 2.85% due 8/23/04		25,000.00			25,000.00		796.25	796.25			1,278.98	25,085.50	25,085.50
	Highway Building Total:	NH PDIP #1830027	50,000.00	977.54		50,000.00	977.54	1,406.83	328.39		1,735.22	50,000.00	85.50	50,085.50	2,712.76
			50,000.00	150,000.00		125,000.00	75,000.00	1,406.83	1,160.28		2,567.11	50,000.00	1,364.48	76,364.48	78,931.59
2000	Bucklin Beach Project Cap. Res.	NH PDIP #1830028	241.29				241.29		3.83		3.83	241.29		241.29	245.12
2000	Hayes Dam Capital Reserve	NH PDIP #1830029	15,000.00			15,000.00		311.84	217.98		529.82	15,000.00			529.82
2000	Fire Breathing Apparatus Cap. Res.	AG Edwards Money Mkt. Fund Bank of Tenn 2.6% due 2/9/04		12,000.00		12,000.00	12,000.00		1.41	(104.28)	105.69			105.69	105.69
		NH PDIP #1830030	30,000.00	23,000.00		52,908.63	91.37	844.07	544.83	104.28	1,388.90	30,000.00	9.12	12,009.12	12,009.12
	Fire Breathing Apparatus Total:		30,000.00	47,000.00		64,908.63	12,091.37	844.07	650.52		1,494.59	30,000.00	9.12	12,100.49	13,595.08
2001	Kezar Lake Watershed Cap. Res.	AG Edwards Money Mkt. Fund First Premier Bank 3.7% due 12/21/04		81,000.00		81,000.00	81,000.00		100.27	(1,502.61)	1,602.88				1,602.88
		NH PDIP #1830031	80,000.00	81,000.00		81,000.00	(1,000.00)	1,431.04	1,502.61	1,502.61	1,355.13	80,000.00	1,355.13	82,355.13	82,355.13
	Kezar Lake Watershed Total		80,000.00	162,000.00		162,000.00	80,000.00	1,431.04	493.10		1,924.14	80,000.00		(1,000.00)	924.14
2001	Fire Station Expansion Cap. Res.	AG Edwards Money Mkt. Fund Discover Bank CD 4.2% due 6/20/05		100,000.00		100,000.00	100,000.00		2,095.98	3,527.02	1,355.13			81,355.13	84,882.15
		Baylake BankCD3.05% due 2/7/05		50,000.00		50,000.00	50,000.00								
	Fire Station Expansion Total	NH PDIP #1830032	50,000.00	200,000.00		150,000.00	100,000.00		56.45	(1,052.88)	1,109.33	50,000.00	1,355.13	51,381.00	51,381.00
			50,000.00	50,000.00		50,000.00	50,000.00		1,052.88	1,052.88		50,000.00	163.00	50,163.00	50,163.00
2002	Mitfoill Prevention & Treatment Fund	NH PDIP #1830033		8,000.00			7,327.42		304.48		609.29	50,000.00	1,544.00	101,544.00	103,262.62
2002	Town Building Maintenance Fund	NHPDIP#1830034		10,000.00		672.58	10,000.00		50.74		50.74			7,327.42	7,378.16
2002	Transfer Station Improvement Cap.	NHPDIP#1830036		25,000.00			25,000.00		53.24		53.24			10,000.00	10,053.24
2002	Bandstand Unrestricted Fund.	NHPDIP#1830037		339,974.81			339,974.81		133.08		133.08			25,000.00	25,133.08
2002	Bandstand Restricted Fund.	NHPDIP#1830038		100,244.34			100,244.34		686.44		686.44			339,974.81	340,661.25
	Report Total		1,412,213.02	1,822,138.81	(435.25)	1,858,591.90	1,575,324.68	182,666.11	45,007.90	18,280.75	209,413.26	1,485,585.00	(25,280.05)	1,621,493.56	1,830,906.82

TOWN OF NEW LONDON

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12/31/02

COMMON FUNDSCEMETERY FUND

CEMETERY FUND																
Number Of Shares	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL			Fair Market Value (Principal Only)		End of Yr	Total Market Value		
		Balance Begin	Additions: Purchases	Cash Cap Gns	Proceeds From Sales	Gains or (Losses) From Sales	Balance End Year	Balance Begin	Income During Yr	Exp'd During Yr	Balance End	GRAND TOTAL			Unrealized Gains	Begin of Yr
	NH PDIP #183-0015	12,342.19	386.90		52,200.00		(39,470.91)	39,982.78	315.35		40,298.13	827.22		12,342.19	(39,470.91)	827.22
10000	Ford Motor 6.5% 2/15/06		9,975.00				9,975.00	-	396.83		-	9,975.00			9,936.60	9,936.60
	A.G. Edwards MMF	9,542.00	87,000.00		107,280.07		(10,738.07)	7,859.46	64.79		14,234.98	3,496.91		9,821.00	(10,738.07)	3,496.91
15000	FFCB 6.75% 7/7/09		16,087.50				16,087.50	-	122.56		-	16,087.50			17,415.75	17,415.75
15000	FFCB 3.875% 2/01/05		14,943.75				14,943.75	-	107.40		-	14,943.75			15,544.05	15,544.05
15000	FHLB 6.045% 5/12/14		15,093.75				15,093.75	-	424.19		-	15,093.75			16,871.10	16,871.10
15000	US T-Bill 5.97% 11/14/02		15,000.00		15,000.00		-	-	89.20		-	-			-	-
10000	USTN 6 3/8 08/15/02	9,900.00			10,000.00		-	-	637.50		-	-		10,284.40	-	-
15000	USTN 4% 11/15/12		14,884.05				14,884.05	-	(45.00)		-	14,884.05			15,210.90	15,210.90
10000	USTN 6 1/4 02/15/03	9,453.12					9,453.12	-	625.00		-	9,453.12		10,443.80	(384.40)	10,059.40
10000	FHLB 6.025 06/17/04	10,279.00					10,279.00	-	602.50		-	10,279.00		10,533.50	60.00	10,533.50
20000	USTN 6 1/8 08/15/07	19,882.20					19,882.20	-	1,225.00		-	19,882.20		21,518.80	1,481.20	23,000.00
10000	USTN 5 5/8 05/15/08	9,984.10					9,984.10	-	562.50		-	9,984.10		10,481.30	865.60	11,346.90
10000	FNMA 7.4 04/14/10	10,179.00					10,179.00	-	740.04		-	10,179.00		10,433.50	(300.30)	10,133.20
10000	FHLB 8.4 06/04/10	10,054.00			10,000.00	(54.00)	-	-	420.00		-	10,226.10			-	-
312	S&P Midcap Dep Receipts	19,930.55	5,772.00				25,702.55	-	121.02		-	25,702.55		22,086.40	(3,319.60)	24,538.80
64	S&P 500 Dep Receipts		5,667.84				5,667.84	-	(39.80)		-	5,667.84		-	(21.12)	5,646.72
700	Pimco Corp Inc. Fd		10,388.00				10,388.00	-	321.79		-	10,388.00		-	(770.00)	9,618.00
335,658	Vanguard Index Fnd	18,127.17					18,127.17	129.23	456.50	444.75	140.98	18,268.15		35,542.83	(8,304.18)	27,379.63
134,211	Janus Worldwide	5,066.77	-	-	-	-	5,066.77	1.64	41.21	42.85	-	5,066.77		5,883.81	(1,571.61)	4,312.20
TOTAL		144,740.10	195,198.79	-	194,480.07	46.00	145,504.82	47,973.11	7,188.58	487.60	54,674.09	200,178.91		169,537.63	(8,270.06)	215,870.88

GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND																
Number Of Shares	How Invested	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				TOTAL		Fair Market Value (Principal Only)			End of Yr	Total Market Value
		Balance Begin	Additions: Purchases	Cash Cap. Gains	Proceeds From Sales	Gains or (Losses) From Sales	Balance End Year	Balance Begin	Income During Yr	Exp'd During Yr	Balance End	GRAND TOTAL	Begin of Yr	Unrealized Gains		
	A.G. Edwards MMF		45,000.00	-	44,293.66		706.34	-	14.72		1,215.89	1,922.23			706.34	1,922.23
	US T. Note 3.25% 5/04		16,992.18				16,992.18	-	276.25	-	-	16,992.18		459.34	17,451.52	17,451.52
	FHLB 6.25% 6/17/09		26,500.00				26,500.00	-	924.92	-	-	26,500.00		2,205.50	28,705.50	28,705.50
	NH PDIP #183-0014	34,158.30	756.48	-	45,000.00	-	(10,085.22)	10,651.28	272.40	-	10,923.68	838.46	34,158.30	-	(10,085.22)	838.46
TOTAL		34,158.30	89,248.66	-	89,293.66	-	34,113.30	10,651.28	1,488.29	-	12,139.57	46,252.87	34,158.30	2,664.84	36,778.14	48,917.71
COMMON FUND TOTAL																
		178,898.40	284,447.45	-	283,773.73	46.00	179,618.12	58,624.39	8,676.87	487.60	66,813.66	246,431.78	203,695.93	(5,605.22)	197,974.93	264,788.59

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2002

ISSUE OF DOG LICENSES:

446 Dog Licenses	\$1,846.50
1 Dog Fine	\$125.00
Payments due State on Dog Licenses	\$238.50
Payments due State on Pet-Overpopulation Fund	\$700.00

PAYMENTS TO TREASURER **\$2,910.00**

AUTO REGISTRATIONS:

Auto Permits Issued	\$732,252.83
Title Fees	\$1,554.00
Municipal Agent Fees	\$12,767.50
Auto Overpayments	\$140.55

PAYMENTS TO TREASURER **\$746,714.88**

BOAT REGISTRATIONS:

Boat Permits Issued & Agent Fees	\$2,144.78
Payments due State on Boat Registrations	\$4,524.50

PAYMENTS TO TREASURER **\$6,669.28**

ALL OTHER FEES:

Footpath Maps	\$717.00
15 Dredge & Fill Applications	\$255.00
Town Histories	\$1,477.10
Uniform Commercial Code Filings	\$2,010.00
Filing Fees	\$21.00
260 Passport Fees	\$6,345.00
Mailing Lists	\$200.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$210.85
Non-Sufficient Funds Charge	\$75.00
Overpayments	\$4.87
Town Vital Statistics	\$5,593.00
Town Marriage Licenses	196.00
Payments to State on Cert. Copies & Marr. Lics.	\$9,129.00

PAYMENTS TO TREASURER **\$26,233.82**

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$782,527.98**

TOTAL PAID TO TREASURER **\$782,527.98**

Respectfully submitted,
Suzy Holdsworth
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002

Summary of Tax Accounts

	Levies of		
	2002	2001	Previous
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes		\$397,245.07	
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes		253.05	
Sewer Rents		\$21,066.50	
Sewer Betterment		\$6,197.64	
Taxes Committed to Collector During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	\$10,955,452.22		
Land Use Change Tax	\$13,500.00		
Yield Taxes	\$7,257.57		
Sewer Rents	\$465,864.43		
Sewer Betterment	\$45,923.08		
Overpayments: Property Taxes	\$21,739.45	\$158.76	
Overpayments: Sewer Rents	\$224.00		
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	\$5,704.15	\$21,708.26	
Penalties Collected on Taxes		\$1,063.00	
Costs Before Lien		\$1,180.00	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$11,515,664.90	\$448,872.28	
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	\$10,569,246.61	\$349,058.29	
Land Use Change Tax	\$13,500.00		
Yield Taxes	\$7,257.57	253.05	
Sewer Rents	\$402,197.87	\$14,226.52	
Sewer Betterment	\$41,016.04	\$4,172.64	
Interest on Taxes	\$5,602.11	\$16,344.62	
Conversion to Lien		\$63,711.02	
Costs/Penalties		\$1,063.00	
Other Charges		(129.86)	
Abatements Allowed:			
Property Taxes	\$18,954.64		
Sewer Rents	\$916.50	\$173.00	
Yield Tax			
Interest			
Current Levy Deeded			

Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes	\$389,214.47	
Yield Taxes		
Sewer Rents	\$62,750.06	
Sewer Betterment	\$4,909.03	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$11,515,664.90	\$448,872.28

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002

	Levies of			
	2001	2000	1999	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$35,346.36	\$16,774.30	
Tax Liens Executed to Town During Fiscal Year	\$63,711.02			
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution	\$564.24	\$3,050.19	\$5,772.17	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$64,275.26	\$38,396.55	\$22,546.17	
Remittance to Treasurer - During Fiscal Year Redemptions	\$13,986.03	\$13,818.45	\$16,542.91	
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution		\$3050.19		
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Taxes-End of Fiscal Year	\$49,724.99	\$21,153.55	\$231.39	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$64,275.26	\$38,396.55	\$22,546.47	

SUMMARY OF SEWER RENTS

Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/2002

LEVY OF 2001 - FIRST & SECOND BILLINGS

Balance due Uncollected Rents	\$21,066.50
Sewer Rents Collected & Remitted to Treasurer	\$20,979.71
Abatelements on Sewer Rents	\$173.00
Interest Collected & Remitted to Treasurer	\$1,651.36

LEVY OF 2002

RENTS COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR:

Sewer Warrant	\$465,864.43	
Overpayments	224.00	
Interest Collected	298.48	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$466,386.91

REMITTANCES TO TREASURER:

Sewer Rents Collected	\$402,421.87	
Abatelements	\$916.50	
Interest Collected	\$298.48	
Uncollected Rents	\$62,750.06	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$466,386.91

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIENS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002

	Levies of	
	2001	2000
Bagley, Philip & Laurie 132-006-000 37 Hominy Pot Road	\$1,343.62	
Barber, Jacqueline M. 096-034-000 2 Barrett Road	\$575.09	\$556.19
Basil Paddington Inc. 059-031-000 16 Newport Road	\$326.94	\$337.61
Bonanno, Janet A. 073-001-000 187 Main Street	\$4,457.04	\$9015.21
England, Michael S. & Harriet 074-038-000 2 Greenwood Lane	\$1,3191.90	
Flood, Francis & Karen R 095-023-000 5 Edmunds Road	\$4,030.48	
Grace, Daniel L. & Cohen, Lenard & Ottobrine, Harold 081-006-000 16 Columbus Avenue	\$1,074.65	\$1,168.08
Hayward, Eleanor 103-001-000 250 Route 103A	\$2,107.40	
Heffron Stephen L. & Shawn M 076-008-000 27 Hall Farm Road	\$5,806.18	\$2,368.14
Keating, Ann E. 056-001-000 193 Newport Road	\$8,224.17	
Korontjis, Alexandra H. 111-014-000 50 Shaker Street	\$4,325.85	\$4,732.19
Long, William & Paula 074-006-000 4 Woodland Drive	\$995.65	
Mcrae Dorsett Bell 059-039-000 37 Little Sunapee Road	\$2,804.99	
Messer, Joseph E. 139-001-000 5 Stonehouse Road	\$2,690.71	\$2,938.66

	Levies of	
	2001	2000
Parenteau, Tina M. 023-002-000 29 Pingree Road	\$3,308.30	\$74.41
Picknell, Raymond 088-001-000 110 Elkins Road	\$2,061.69	\$526.51
Poole, Charles F. & Patricia M. 077-027-000 33 Elkins Road	\$2,404.92	\$2,620.45
Ryan, Jesse 110-006-000 130 Route 11	\$2,644.05	
Saxby, Daniel E. 065-021-000 4 Sparrow Hawk Road	\$3,835.00	\$3,245.49
TOTAL	\$54,408.63	\$27,582.94

I hereby certify that the above list showing name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 2002, on account of levies of 2001 and 2000, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. All taxes for years prior to 1999 have been paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzy Holdsworth
 Tax Collector



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of New London
New London, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of New London for the year ended December 31, 2001, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to applicable individuals during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

March 22, 2002

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

TOWN OF NEW LONDON COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2001.

(AUDITED)

ASSETS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUNDS	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust and Agency Funds	General Long-Term Debt	Memo Only
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 507,852	\$ 338,148		\$ 12,216		\$ 858,216
Investments	4,022,023	173,914	48,870	1,816,197		6,061,004
Accounts Receivable	11,313	21,067				32,380
Taxes Receivable	442,067					442,067
Special Assessments	15,383	529,630				545,013
Intergovernmental						
Interfunds Receivable		3,360		4,228,024		4,231,384
Amount to be provided for general long-term debt and other obligations					1,900,935	1,900,935
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,998,638	\$ 1,066,119	\$ 48,870	\$ 6,056,437	\$ 1,900,935	14,070,999
LIABILITIES	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust and Agency Funds	General Long-Term Debt	Memo Only
Accounts Payable	32,542	774				33,316
Contract Payable						0
Retainage Payable						0
Intergovernmental Payable				4,228,209		4,228,209
Due to School District	4,228,024	3,360				4,231,384
Escrow & Performance Deposits				2,216		2,216
Deferred Revenues	18,647	524,740				543,387
Deferred Compensation Payable						0
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable						
General Obligation Debt Payable					1,120,000	1,120,000
Accrued Landfill Closure & Postclosure Costs					353,970	353,970
Special Assessment Debt with Government Commitment					385,000	385,000
Capital Lease Payable					33,925	33,925
Compensated Absences Payable					8,040	8,040
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 4,279,213	\$ 528,874		\$ 4,230,425	\$ 1,900,935	\$ 10,939,447
FUND EQUITY						
FUND BALANCE - RESERVED						
Endowments				823,374		823,374
Encumbrances	95,439					95,439
Special Purposes			48,870	1,002,638		1,051,508
FUND BALANCE-UNRESERVED						
Designated		537,245				537,245
Undesignated	623,986					623,986
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	719,425	537,245	48,870	1,826,012		3,131,552
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 4,998,638	\$ 1,066,119	\$ 48,870	\$ 6,056,437	\$ 1,900,935	\$ 14,070,999

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS & LAND	Map/Lot Number	Acreage	Value
Whipple Memorial Town Hall	085-002	0.39	608,500
Harold W. Buker, Jr. Municipal Building	085-003	0.29	175,500
Old Academy Building	084-090	0.41	369,000
Tracy Library	084-054	1.00	1,006,000
Sargent Common w/Bandstand	085-001	3.80	368,500
Little Common, Main Street	084-009	1.00	140,300
Fire Department	084-066	0.27	399,200
Highway Department Land & Bldgs.	095-052 & 053	7.80	359,700
Recycling & Disposal	056-008	4.80	\$331,700
Sewer Plant	095-015	11.40	727,800
CEMETERIES			
Cemetery Well, Elkins Road	087-007	0.03	17,100
Elkins Cemetery	088-002	6.00	241,200
Cemetery Land, Bog Road	095-039	3.70	53,600
Old Main Street Cemetery	107-019	4.20	56,100
West Part Cemetery	117-019	1.70	43,600
BEACHES			
Bucklin Beach, Land & Buildings	033-009	0.88	292,800
Elkins Beach, Bathhouses & Post Office	077-012	1.50	293,400
CONSERVATION LAND			
Colby Sanctuary	012-001	23.00	162,900
Phillips Memorial Preserve	016-001	4.50	13,500
	016-002	4.20	48,200
	028-002	1.13	3,400
	029-001	70.90	304,000
	029-004	0.62	22,700
Goosehole Prime Wetland	058-024	36.16	187,800
Philbrick/Cricenti Bog	069-002	9.00	62,900
Land, Route 103A	083-009	14.70	77,800
Lyon Brook Property	074-048	0.60	37,600
Former Cleveland Property	088-007	98.88	289,800
	089-012	0.37	11,200
	089-013	30.60	167,400
	112-003	78.80	390,100
Shepard Spring – Shepard Pit	112-006	53.30	244,049
Herrick Cove Brook Impoundment Area	091-032	5.12	44,500
Messer Pond Conservation Area	093-013	30.00	122,000
	093-014	16.90	17,200
	105-001	0.05	100
Clark Pond Conservation Area	119-002	23.90	65,400
	120-005	19.50	44,573

MISCELLANEOUS LAND

	Map/Lot Number	Acreage	Value
Land, Little Sunapee Road	033-019	1.70	43,600
Stump Dump	033-023	6.70	67,500
Otterville Road Right of Way	042-021	0.31	35,400
Island, Pleasant Lake	050-022	0.50	37,100
Pleasant Lake Access	077-014	0.35	84,000
Pleasant Lake Dam, Land & Buildings	077-016	1.00	230,300
Tanner Pond, Elkins Road	077-030	0.42	41,000
Scytheville Park Dam, Elkins Road	078-028	0.05	6,100
Scytheville Park Ext., Elkins Road	078-029	0.96	12,600
Scytheville Park	078-030	0.09	7,000
Scythe Shop Pond, Elkins Road	078-031	0.95	10,000
Backland off Burpee Lane/lagoons	096-040	37.00	92,500
Mountain Road, Landfill Closure	101-003	8.50	83,600
Mountain Road, Landfill Closure	101-004	2.00	45,100
Mountain Road, Landfill Closure	101-005	13.90	97,700
Mountain Road, Landfill Closure	101-006	6.40	47,900
Mountain Road, Landfill Closure	101-007	2.30	5,800
Landfill, Mountain Road	101-008	14.07	93,000
Land, Bog Road	119-002	23.80	65,400
Land, Soo-Nipi Park Road	126-002	0.07	3,200



Elkins Dam, photo by Nadine Thomson

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

"You Can't Please Everyone"

The truth of this old saying was never more accurately demonstrated than with our two major projects for 2002.

Revaluation

We continue to spend a significant amount of time on the mandated revaluation of all town property. During 2002, we completed the physical inspections of all waterfront-related properties and began the inspections of the rest of the properties in town. We will have completed all of the physical inspections by the time the second tax bill is sent out in the fall of 2003. Because, for some years, waterfront-related property has been assessed well below its market value, there was some "sticker shock" when waterfront owners got their new assessments. The understandable reaction to such a significant rise in property assessments has generated many discussions and differences of opinion. While reasonable people can disagree on the specific value placed on any particular property, no one can disagree that the market value of waterfront property has risen dramatically since the last revaluation in 1988.

You may recall that the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA) ordered the Town to make the values of waterfront-related properties proportional by adjusting those values to the same "assessment to sales ratio" as the rest of the Town. This ratio is determined by comparing the assessment of a property to its sale price. Sales data that our assessors analyzed revealed that the non-waterfront property ratio was 83%. Therefore, for the 2002 tax year, waterfront property was assessed at only 83% of market value. In 2001, waterfront property was assessed at only 50% of its market value, which left a disproportionate tax burden for non-waterfront property owners, whose assessments were closer to actual market value. In 2003, the Town has been directed by the BTLA and the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) to increase all assessments to 100% of market value. When we have completed the physical inspections and sales analysis of all town property in 2003, we will adjust all property values to 100% of market. Then, on an annual basis, we will conduct an "assessment to sales" analysis and, if necessary, adjust all property values in town based on that analysis. This will allow us to adjust property values (up or down) as market conditions change.

Street Re-numbering and Re-naming

New London was one of the last towns in the region to adopt a "911" street numbering plan. Throughout 2002, we remapped the whole town, and in the spring will assign new street numbers for virtually every property in town. The new numbering plan eliminates the inconsistencies in our old numbering plan, allows for potential subdivisions of property, and provides emergency services with a simple way to find your driveway in case of an emergency.

More controversial than the new numbering plan was the necessity to rename some streets whose names created confusion by duplicating or sounding like other streets. While recognizing the need for a new street identification plan, many residents have an emotional attachment to their street names and the Selectmen appreciate the creativity, understanding and good humor which most of you brought to the public meetings at which we wrestled with this problem. Remember, the Post Office will continue to deliver to your old address for 18 months after the change is made, so your correspondents will have time to adjust. Look for your new street number to be assigned in March of 2003, to be effective on April 15, 2003.

Growth

As we look toward the future, the growth of the town will dominate many of our discussions. New London grew 30% in the last decade and at least a 3% annual growth rate is likely to continue. The Selectmen issued more building permits in the first six months of 2002 than in all of 2001. Here is how the building activity for the full year of 2002 compared to that of 2001:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
New Buildings	28	17
Decks/Porches	26	26
Garages/Barns	14	9
Living Space Additions	33	20
Dormers/Windows	4	4
Interior Renovations	6	9
Demolition	4	8
Shed	5	10
Building Moved	1	7
Misc.	15	18
Commercial	8	3
Excavation/Erosion Control	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Permits	145	134

This growth rate will put pressure on our municipal infrastructure and you can expect to hear about the effect of growth on the Transfer Station, town water and sewer services, as well as our safety and other town services. In fact, a real indicator of growth in New London is that at this year's Town Meeting we will ask for funding to add a fifth plow truck and full-time driver to the Highway Department, the third full-time position to be added to this department in 30 years. Many towns in NH are addressing a "sprawl" problem with zoning and conservation measures, and New London will be no exception.

Our Most Valuable Asset

New London's most valuable asset is our professional and volunteer work force. While most visible and appreciated during emergencies, like the 1998 ice storm, our employees and volunteers work hard every day to ensure that each citizen has a safe environment as well as reliable, efficient and cost effective municipal services. Their dedication makes New London a special place to live and helps compensate for the deficiencies of the Board of Selectmen. We are very grateful to all of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas W. Lyon
Mark Kaplan
Ruth I. (Sue) Clough



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Mid-way through the first public budget hearing in January, I looked around the room at the Budget Committee, Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission members, and Department Heads, and was struck by the experience and commitment offered to New London by its residents and employees. We are fortunate to be served by, and to work among, such wonderful people. This public hearing was the ninth gathering for the Budget Committee since October, and the fifth attended by Department Heads, including a half-day tour of the facilities at the Highway, Sewer, Police, and Fire Departments. The effort put into budget preparation by all parties – those making the requests (such as the Road Agent, Police Chief, and Conservation Commission); those reviewing the requests (the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen); and those preparing and revising the budget and supporting documentation, again and again and again (the staff of the Selectmen's Office, and Finance Officer Carol Fraley, in particular) – is to be commended. Rest assured that by the time Town Moderator Cotton Cleveland opens Town Meeting in March, the budget has been shaken and stirred by concerned citizens and fiscally responsible Department Heads.

Awards received by two of New London's Department Heads deserve particular attention. On June 3, 2002, Richard Lee was recognized for achieving the Master Road Scholar designation from the UNH Technology Transfer Center (UNHT²). The Road Scholar Program is a training program instituted by UNHT² to recognize achievement of increased levels of training. The Master Road Scholar is the highest level of achievement, and the Town congratulates Richard for his success.

On August 5, 2002, the State Office of Emergency Management presented Bob Nelson with the Emergency Management Director of the Year Award, from the Northeast States Emergency Consortium. Bob received the award from Donald Bliss and Leland Kimball, Director and Deputy Director of the NH Division of Fire Safety and Emergency Management (see photo of Bob in the Emergency Management section of this book). Bob was picked from the nominations received throughout the New England area, and we congratulate him on his well-deserved recognition.



Photo by Bob Andrews

Richard Lee receives gift from David Fluharty, director of UNHT², in recognition for Richard's achievement of Master Road Scholar, June 2002.

For the Selectmen's Office, the year 2002 boiled down to three major projects: revaluation, re-addressing, and the Newport Road sidewalk (see more about the sidewalk, including photos, in the Sidewalk Committee's report later in this book).

I know that some people are tired of hearing about, and talking about, the revaluation, and I am reluctant to revisit the topic here. To my surprise, however, I spoke to a property owner in January who had just received a letter from Vision Appraisal Technology (the company hired by the Town to conduct the reval), and it was the first she had heard about the revaluation. Alas . . . despite our best efforts to keep the public informed about the progress of the revaluation, there appear to be some we missed. So, in case they are reading these pages, here is a brief synopsis (feel free to skip this part if it sounds familiar).

In March 2001, 25 residents petitioned the Board of Selectmen to include an article in the warrant for Town Meeting that sought approval for a town-wide revaluation of property. The article was turned down at Town Meeting, despite the Board of Selectmen's endorsement. Following that defeat, 50 residents brought a petition to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA), a judicial body of the state that oversees property tax matters. In September 2001, the BTLA ordered the Town to perform a two-part revaluation. The first, to be completed in 2002, required a market adjustment to waterfront-related property to bring those assessments to a level that is proportional to the assessments of rest of property in New London. The second part, to be completed in 2003, required a full physical inspection of all property, coupled with another market analysis. The market analysis in 2002 revealed that waterfront-related property was assessed anywhere from 22% (Lake Sunapee) to 100% (Slope & Shore) of its market value, while the study of non-waterfront sales showed average assessments of 80-85% of market value. Therefore, in 2002, waterfront-related property values were adjusted up (or down, for properties in Slope & Shore and Forest Acres Road) so that they, too, would be assessed at 80-85% of market value.

Overall, the Town's total valuation of property, known as the "grand list," grew by \$150,000,000, to over \$687 million. This increase in value led to a reduction of the tax rate, from \$20.05 per \$1,000 of value in 2001, to \$15.47 per \$1,000 in 2002. Most residents' tax bills were lower in 2002 than in the years before, a fact that certainly brought no comfort to those waterfront property owners whose tax bills tripled.

The BTLA's order states that the 2003 revaluation must bring all property in New London, including waterfront, to 100% of its market value. While the 2003 revaluation includes the physical inspection of all non-waterfront property, the changes in property value will mostly result from another analysis of sales. At this point, we do not know what the sales reports will show, although the "equalization summary" that we filed with the state Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) in December reflected a town-wide average assessment-to-sales ratio of 81% (for sales from October 2001-October 2002). If the 2003 sales reports indicate that the ratio between assessment and sale price has not changed since October, then we could expect to see an average increase in property value of about 20%. It will be only mildly comforting to note that another large increase to the grand list will result in another slight decrease in the tax rate in 2003.

Going forward, the Board of Selectmen will be considering ways to comply with new state requirements to insure that towns are maintaining current property values. Every five years (beginning in 2004 for New London), the state will require towns to "certify" to the DRA that property values are accurate, fair, and proportional, and that towns are following assessing standards. We anticipate that the combination of state law (RSA 75:8), the DRA's closer scrutiny of local practices, and the town administration's recent education (baptism by fire?) in assessing practices will result, at a minimum, in an annual market analysis. If that analysis shows a sales trend in either direction for any categories of property (e.g., waterfront, commercial, residential, condominiums, etc.), the Board of Selectmen may be obligated to adjust those categories appropriately. Stay tuned – we certainly will not change our assessing practices without fully informing New London residents and property owners.

Incidentally, at the 2002 Town Meeting, there was overwhelming support for a change to the income and asset requirements for the elderly exemption program. If you are over 65 years old; have been a resident of New London for at least five years as of April 1, 2003; earn less than \$26,800 (if single) and \$40,800 (if married);

and have less than \$85,000 in assets (not including your residential property), you may apply to the Board of Selectmen for an exemption off your property value. The application for the 2003 tax year is due by March 1, 2004. For more information on this and other relief programs and veteran's credits, please contact Administrative Assistant Amy Rankins at the Board of Selectmen's Office at 526-4821, ext. 10.

Moving on to the 911 street addressing project: residents should be aware that this project will affect everyone who has an address in New London. The need for changes to New London's street addresses was first brought to the attention of the town administration by Bob Nelson, who was concerned that the duplicative names of streets in New London would cause confusion to emergency responders, and this sentiment was echoed by the Fire Chief, Police Chief, and ambulance personnel. In fact, we were informed that it is against state law for a town to allow confusing names. Shortly after my arrival in August 2000, New London resident Ed Campbell drew my attention to a tragedy in Swansey, NH, that resulted from confusing street names. Mr. Campbell implored the Selectmen to do something, and they did. They began the process of reviewing street address issues in the summer of 2001, when the State 911 Bureau asked the town to address (no pun intended) its compliance with 911 recommendations. At the suggestion of emergency personnel, and with the approval of Town Meeting, the Selectmen oversaw the remapping of the entire town that resulted in a systematic numbering program that will assist emergency responders in locating your home in an emergency. You will receive more details, and notification of your new addresses, on or about March 15, 2003.

It has been a challenging year, as town administration tackled controversial issues that made us, at times, an unpopular group. I want to express my thanks to the three Selectmen, whose strong leadership, sage advice, and great sense of humor made these tasks far easier. We – and by “we” I mean employees, residents, non-residents, and visitors – are lucky to have such intelligent and sane people running the show.

And, as always, my endless thanks to the following individuals: Amy Rankins, administrative assistant, for her kind nature and eager and open-minded approach to learning the ever-changing responsibilities of her job; Carol Fraley, finance officer, for her conscientious attention to the town's financial and personnel matters, and for having such a great laugh; Peter Stanley, zoning administrator, for his dedication to New London and to New Hampshire that is evident in all that he does, and that sets an example for the rest of us; Suzy Holdsworth, town clerk/tax collector, and Joan Pankhurst, her deputy, for suffering through seemingly endless computer troubles, and still being friendly and helpful to New London residents; and to the brilliant, funny, and talented Department Heads who make daily life in New London such a pleasure. I am fortunate to work with these people and the committed volunteers who make up the Conservation Commission, Budget Committee, Sidewalk Committee, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

I look forward to what 2003 will bring!

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie W. Levine

Town Administrator

TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

Oh! Where shall I begin? This is my first official report as the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and what a year it has been. Lois Marshall hired me in October 2000 to be her Deputy and she shared a wealth of information with me with the understanding that I would replace her upon her retirement. I am honored that she believed in me enough to carry on with the duties that she so diligently performed over her 17-year tenure. Her shoes have been a challenge to fill. It seems that every day a new situation arises. Thankfully, I work with a very supportive team of individuals who don't appear to mind me pestering them with questions and, I must admit, I have been known to call upon my predecessor from time to time. It has made the transition much more palatable. I do appreciate the patience of the good people of New London, as it has also been a time of adjustment for you. You have seen Lois's face in this office for many years and I am sure her absence has been felt by many. It will take me a while but I hope that I am able to perform my duties as Town Clerk/ Tax Collector as well as she did for so many years.

Aside from the changing faces in the office, we have other changes that we have been working with over the past year as well. Unfortunately some of these changes have filtered down and been felt by the townspeople. Implementing our new software has been a struggle. Courtesies that we have provided to the town for many years have been temporarily put on hold while we have had to look to other avenues to continue to fill these needs. The new software has also been creative with some billing, motor vehicle and property ownership issues. We have tried to catch the problems before they left the office but have not always been successful. Again, I appreciate the patience that has been afforded to our office. Hopefully the New Year will allow us to provide our services in a much more seamless fashion. After all, we are here to serve the people of New London.

I keep saying "we" and I do feel that an introduction is warranted for those of you who have not had the sincere pleasure of meeting my Deputy, Joan Pankhurst. Joan started in this office at a particularly tumultuous time. I had all but two weeks to work with her before I left on maternity leave. Lois was busy balancing out the end of the year 2001 and preparing for 2002 Town Meeting, and Joan was simply thrust into her new role as deputy. She rose to the occasion with grace and warmth. Since my return in April, she has helped me to create an atmosphere that emphasizes customer service. Let's face it – when a person comes into our office we will most likely be asking them to part with some hard-earned money. It is our goal to make this process as painless as possible.

So, we have some new faces, and we have physically arranged the office to make it more comfortable for those who must wait for our services. We have new software that, despite some "glitches," we hope will eventually help us serve your needs more efficiently. In the not too distant future we will be on line with the state so that the spectrum of motor vehicle services we provide will broaden substantially. No more having to trek to the state for vanity plates or those pesky vehicles over 8000 pounds!

The New Year will bring about a flurry of change for nearly all residents of New London. Re-numbering and re-naming of streets and revaluation of property are issues that we all face. We understand the discomfort and inconvenience that these changes may bring about, and we recognize that these changes will directly affect transactions that will take place upon your visit to our office. Please help us to help you by making us aware of your individual changes so that we may update our system. This will insure that we have your correct information for your motor vehicle registrations, dog licenses and voting addresses.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the people of New London. Please feel free to offer suggestions as to how we can serve you better.

A special thanks to the Selectmen and to Lois Marshall for having faith in me that I can perform the duties of the Town Clerk & Tax Collector. Deepest gratitude to my co-workers: Joan Pankhurst, Carol Fraley, Amy Rankins, Connie Rankins and Jessie Levine. The year has held many unexpected twists and turns and I cannot express how supportive they have been during this last year both personally and professionally. I look forward to working with all of you in the New Year.

Respectfully,

Suzy Holdsworth

Town Clerk & Tax Collector

NOTICES OF THE TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

- **DOG OWNERS** shall register all dogs over three months of age. Rabies certificates are required for registration. Dog license renewals are due by April 30. Owners are liable for dogs running at large.
License Fees: \$4.50 new puppy, \$6.50 if altered, \$9.00 not altered (fee is only \$2.00 if owner is over 65).
Civil Forfeiture for not obtaining a dog license is a fine of \$25.00 (RSA 466:13).
- **VEHICLE OWNERS** must register their vehicles with the Town Clerk. Renewals, decals, transfers and plates available.
- **THOSE OPERATING IN OR NEAR WETLANDS OR WATERWAYS** shall file a Dredge and Fill application with the Town Clerk before beginning work (RSA 483-A). Fines may be assessed for non-compliance.
- **PROPERTY OWNERS** seeking tax abatement or exemptions shall apply to the Selectmen's Office by March 1 of the year following the second tax bill (RSA 76:16). Forms are available at the Selectmen's Office.
- **TOWN HISTORY – MIRROR TO AMERICA:** The office of the Town Clerk has available for sale, during regular business hours, copies of the *Mirror to America, A History of New London, New Hampshire, 1900-1950*, at a cost of \$20.00 per copy and *Our Voices, Our Town, A History of New London, New Hampshire, 1950-2000*, at a cost of \$30.00 per copy.



Photo by Debbie Cross

Before her retirement in 2002, Lois Marshall swears in (from left), Pat Blanchard, Budget Committee; Steve Theroux, Treasurer; and Charlie Dean, Tracy Library Board of Trustees.

POLICE AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENTS

The New London Police and Communications Departments started off this year with the threat of hazardous and biological contamination within the town as a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. We experienced calls for service that this department historically has not had to deal with, or in some cases had little experience in. Unfortunately we have had to become familiar with this type of call quickly. The threat of domestic terrorism has become more common and we are now responding to calls for suspicious white powder, suspicious people and packages more often. As a result, this department has requested, through a grant, personal protection equipment for each of our officers to wear, making every effort to keep our department as safe as possible in these changing times.

Times are changing. I am concerned by the increase in drug use in general, but also from the dramatic rise in drug use in neighboring communities. This could have a big impact on this Town and on the calls for service. We have noticed larger amounts of drugs and related paraphernalia in our contacts with people. These drugs, not always street drugs but prescription drugs as well, have become more sought after, as exemplified by the forged prescription cases, the pharmacy theft, and indirectly by the car thefts and attempted break-ins.

The department has received numerous calls in regards to possible telemarketing scams, and questions about law enforcement organizations requesting money. If you receive one of these calls, ask the caller to send you something in writing. If you receive something in the mail, and you are still questioning the validity of the request, please call or stop by the Police Department and let one of the officers follow up for you. You may have also received a letter or e-mail from a doctor or government employee asking you to send money to Nigeria or Canada. The letters and e-mails change a little each month, but the bottom line is this: don't respond to these requests at all. The Federal Government and the State Attorney General's Office are well aware of this scam that has continued now for over five years. Once again, if you have any questions, please give us a call.

Firearms are also becoming more commonplace in our interactions with the public. From the person who had a firearm fall out of his personal belongings while being cared for at the hospital, to being used to threaten oneself or others in the time of crisis, I find this not only becoming more common, but very troubling for those of us who have to deal with these issues as they arise.

Working in law enforcement has always meant that one will be called on to do the expected, the rewarding, the unexpected, the unwanted, the dangerous, and sometimes the unusual. This year was no exception. I have been told many times, "I couldn't do what you do," or "I don't know how you do it." To them I say that I enjoy working for this Town, and I enjoy the challenges and the interesting experiences that come from this work. This year was no exception. This department dealt with the identification and release, of all things, of a black widow spider. We returned dogs and horses to their owners, we kept people company when they were frightened or alone during a personal crisis, we removed unwanted people from homes, and took dangerous firearms away from those who could not or should not have them. We assisted in the safe return of lost children, and we recovered and returned lost property to its owners. We were in the schools teaching kids to stay safe, and away from drugs, and we were on the streets and roads promoting safe driving.

This year we focused on training for both departments. We training our communication specialists in State Police Telecommunications system training (SPOTS), stress management techniques, and had them attend Emergency Management Committee meetings and Public Safety conferences. In the Police Department we worked on intelligence gathering, interview techniques, street survival techniques, and other Officer safety-related training. This department continues to train and stay current with the latest techniques and advances in training used to maintain the highest level of safety and professionalism.

The Communications Department has gone through some changes in equipment as well. In the department, the Town now has the enhanced 911 computer-aided dispatch system. What this means is that when you dial 911, your call is received in Concord by a trained emergency dispatcher who will make the following determinations quickly. First, this person confirms who you are and where are you calling from. This information will be on the screen in front of them. Then they ask what type of emergency you have: Police, Fire, or Medical. With that

information, the call is then transferred electronically to New London, and we now see what the dispatcher in Concord has recorded for information, and the continued medical information (if any) still being taken by the original 911 call taker. We are now also connected on the phone with the caller, and the 911 dispatcher. All of this is going on while the dispatcher here is also sending the appropriate emergency responders.

Continuing on the subject of 911 and emergency response, I would like to thank the Selectboard, the town administrator, and the residents and merchants in town for their assistance and understanding in the renumbering and renaming of the confusing street names and numbers. I know that this has been a time of confusion and frustration by many; however, when the roads have been changed and the numbers have been issued, this will decrease the response time greatly. I only ask you to remember that when you do get your new address, please place your address conspicuously so that emergency personnel responding to your property can see the number from the edge of your property day or night, in the summer and winter.

This year has been no exception to the changing list of personnel within the department. As I write this we are in the process of interviewing candidates for two full time communications positions vacated by Jason Byrne and Vanessa Hardy. The department also said good-bye and all the best to E. Neill Cobb, our part-time dispatcher, and to Robert Thorp, who was one of our part-time officers.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the town administrator, the department heads and town employees, and lastly, but most importantly, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support and assistance. Remember to pick-up the phone or stop by if you need us. We are here to support and help you.

Sincerely,

David Seastrand

Chief of Police

2002 Incident Counts

Incident Type	Count	Incident Type	Count	Incident Type	Count
9-1-1 Hang-up	58	Criminal Restraint	1	MV Traffic Stop	3057
Abandoned Vehicle	113	Criminal Threatening	9	MV Unlock	55
Accident	222	Criminal Trespass	9	Noise Complaint	38
Alarm	369	Death Investigation	2	Open Door/Window	29
Ambulance	326	Directed Patrol	64	Paperwork Service	29
Animal Complaint	198	Disorderly Conduct	15	Parking Complaint	49
Arrest	108	Emergency Medical Call	56	Parking Ticket	211
Assault	1	Facility Used	96	Pistol Permit	21
Assist Agency	297	Fingerprint	105	Property Check	807
Assist Motorist	215	Fire Department	191	Property Check Request	161
Assist Public	163	Fraud	1	Protective Custody	43
Attempted Suicide	4	Harassment	38	Road Complaint	142
Be On Look-Out	147	Issuing Bad Check	8	Sex Offender	3
Burglary	3	Juvenile Complaint	21	Stalking	2
Burn Permit	189	Juvenile Criminal	3	Stolen Vehicle	3
Cell Record	83	Log Note	283	Suspicious Activity	284
Child Abuse/Neglect	1	Lost and Found	122	Theft	46
Civil	39	Missing Person	14	Town Ordinance	3
Criminal (other)	51	Money Escort	1	Traffic Detail	12
Criminal Mischief	35	MV Complaint	145	Welfare Check	35

Highway Department:

Well, 2002 has come to an end. The Highway Department has had a busy year. Our spring clean up went well and we moved into summer operations. We completed cleaning ditches on many roads. This summer was an excellent time to do this because it was so dry and the mess was contained to a minimum. Some of the roads we ditched were Gay Farm Road, Farwell Lane, Otterville Road, Goose Hole Road, Wilmot Center Road, Carter Road, Bog Road, Tracy Road, and Maple Lane. As we were cleaning ditches we cleaned culverts and replaced some on a few of these roads. The ditch cleaning was on approximately 13 miles of roads. We installed over 2,000 feet of culvert and 24 catch basins in drain systems. We graded our gravel roads treated them with magnesium chloride for dust control and spread 500 yards of gravel.

Our major construction project this summer was to install drainage on Pleasant Street from Gould Road to Bittersweet and up both sides of Gould Road, then grind and pave both roads. We had a problem getting some supplies from a vendor and this job was delayed until fall. We installed all the catch basins and pipe on both projects, ground and paved the base coat on Gould Road, and then winter set in early. We have to finish the catch basins on Gould Road and grind and pave Pleasant Street and finish Gould Road next summer. On Pleasant Street we used a new plastic catch basin instead of cement ones. They are lighter, easier to install and you can cut them to the elevation you need. We will finish this project next summer.

We did get Page Road and Gay Farm Road paved this summer. Page Road needed two layers to make it come out good. We cut brush on many roads this summer and fall: Tracy Road, County Road, Burpee Hill Road, Old Rt.11, Elkins Road, Whitney Brook Road, Burnt Hill Road, Old King Hill Road and Mountain Road. Some of this cutting was done to open existing ditch lines, some was done for safety reasons, and some was to make a better looking road. We try and cut only what we need for sight distance and safe clearance on the sides of the roads. I would like to thank Jim Cahill and Mike McElman for doing a great job on the brush removal.

This fall we were able to hire a contractor to start the project on Forest Acres Road. He was able to dig back the banks on about half of this project, which was the worst half. He was also able to install about half of the drainage system needed on this project before things froze up this fall. We were able to purchase some of the gravel needed for this project and stockpile it in the town pit for next summer. We will finish this project in the summer of 2003.

We were able this fall to hire and oversee the repair work done to the Hayes Dam in Elkins. We had to do the earthwork and the contractor did the cement work. Some of the work we did was to make an access road to the backside of the dam. This was done along the brook on the other side from the existing park. We used some of the better material we removed from ditches we cleaned. This will let us seed this area and keep it mowed and looking good. This whole project made this area look a lot better.

Along with all this work the Highway Department monitored the following construction projects:

- A new road built off Seamans Road;
- A new road built off King Hill Road;
- A new road built off Newport Road;
- And the new sidewalk along Newport Road.

Some of the projects we will be working on in 2003 are:

- Install drainage along Everett Park from Lakeside Road to Newport Road, Williams Street and Lakeside Road.
- Finish Gould Road and Pleasant Street.

- Grind and pave Barrett Road, Pearl Street, Hayes Road, Everett Park, Williams Street, and Prescott Lane.

During the year we have been working on a plan to bring our facilities in compliance with existing and new Federal Environmental Regulations. We have accomplished some of this but we need to continue to work at it.

We have continued to send people to different classes and workshops. Again this fall we went to the plow rally run by our insurance carrier. The rally was held in Hopkinton Fairgrounds. We brought back the following awards:

ERIC ALLEN: First Place in the Loader Quiz; First Place Loader Hands-on Course; and First Runner-up in the Overall Loader Champion.

ERIC ALLEN: First Place in Backhoe Pre-trip Inspection; First Place in the Backhoe Quiz; First Runner-up in the Backhoe Hands-on Course; and *First Place Overall Backhoe Champion*. Also, First Runner-up in the Champion Municipal Backhoe Operator competition.

BOB HARRINGTON & ERIC ALLEN: First Runner-up in the Plow Truck Pre-trip Inspection; First Place in the Wing Slalom; and First Runner-up in the Overall Plow Team Champions.

Congratulations to all!

This fall winter started early. I don't remember a year since I have worked here that we have had to plow snow in October. But this year was the one. We have had many small storms this fall and early winter, which has cost more than a couple of large ones would have. Next spring is going to need a lot of clean up because of the early onset of winter.

Cemetery Division:

This summer was another good one for the cemeteries. It was dry and the grass slowed down in some places. We were able to hire John Wiltshire back again in Old Main Street. We hired Doug Palmer from Sutton to work in the Elkins Cemetery this summer and he and John did a great job. We continue general maintenance of the cemeteries, which includes mowing, trimming, trimming shrubs, repairing stones and spreading loam and grass seed.



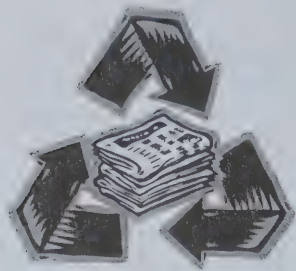
Photo by Richard Lee

Highway Department employee Karen Welch steps into the newest Highway Department plow/dump truck.

Transfer Station and Recycling Division:

This year has been another good year for the transfer station and recycling department. Our recycling figures continue to run about the same as in years past. Our trash disposal has gone up some but not much. There have been a couple of staff changes in the past year -- a couple of people left and one has come back. We are going to be looking for a third person after the first of the year to bring us up to full staff again. We continue to hear good reports about the people who work at the transfer station. We are also looking at different ways to improve the recycling facilities in the future.

Something to think about: tin cans, aluminum cans, and glass do not burn. So, why send them to the incinerator when we can recycle them and save money?



Recycling and Disposal Report:	2002	2001	2000
Transfer Haul --			
Town Weight (tons)	2933.8	2948.78	2964.11
Recycling			
Material Sold (tons)	873.42	693.48	872.00
Revenue (\$)	4,453.18	6,287.54	22,142.72
Cost Avoidance @ \$85-88/ton	76,860.96	58,945.80	69,759.64
	\$81,314.14	\$ 65,233.34	\$ 68,883.54

Recycling Statistics

	2002 Year End		2001 Year End		2000 Year End	
	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Newspaper	486,700	0	393,932	\$ 1,083.58	457,064	\$ 7,982.81
Cardboard	583,032	0	598,651	1,457.93	688,900	7,214.25
Glass	309,897	0	260,974	0	266,085	0
Light Metal (Scrap)	320,540	1,336.13	112,000	1,426.28	170,526	276.83
Steel Cans (Tin)	24,313	0	25,510	24.58	51,594	1,065.07
Aluminum Foil/Plates	1,030	292.80	1,533	32.20	169	16.50
Aluminum Cans	7,394	2,595.25	8,167	2,078.37	8,735	3,564.89
Batteries (Home)	340	0			1,829	
Plastic Bottles (HDPE)	8,404	229	8,228	136.00	14,110	200.00
Plastic (PETE)	5,195	0	5,934	48.60	7,559	690.00
Copper & Brass	0	0	0	0	77,420	1,132.37
TOTAL:	1,746,845	\$ 4,453.18	1,414,929	\$ 6,287.54	1,743,991	\$ 22,142.72

I would like to give a very big THANK YOU to the staff of the Highway Department, Transfer Station and Cemeteries for a great year in 2002. We accomplished many projects along with our regular maintenance. I believe the town has a very dedicated and professional staff of people in these departments.

In closing, I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Office staff, Police Department, Fire Department, Water Department, Wastewater Department and the citizens of New London for your help and support during the year. If you have any questions or need help, feel free to contact me at the Highway Department office at 526-6337 or by e-mail at nlhd@tds.net.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard E. Lee

Road Agent

NEW LONDON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The nature of what a fire department does on a day-to-day basis suggests that there could be no good news to report, but by all accounts 2002 has been a pretty good year for the New London Fire Department. Total fire call activity is down, with the notable exception of motor vehicle accidents, which continue to increase at an annual rate of about 20% - a reflection of the increased population in our region. The good news is that there were half the number of extrications involved, and no fatalities. Unfortunately, structure fires at two remotely located homes each resulted in a total loss, because they were not reported in a timely manner. However, we were able to prevent significant damage at a third, through quick response – always the preferred outcome.

This year we took delivery of our new rescue pumper, and retired the two pieces of apparatus that it was intended to replace. Throughout the fabrication process, the Chief and Captain visited the builder on a weekly basis to answer questions, resolve design issues and custom fit our tools and equipment to the new apparatus. The result is a state-of-the-art engine that will carry a crew of eight firefighters to a fire scene or major rescue incident, fully equipped to perform either function with equal ease. By combining the functions of two pieces of apparatus, we are able to reduce the number of skilled operators needed for any one incident, and lower our overall manpower requirements. At the same time, we refurbished and upgraded our self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to make it safer and lighter to wear, and equipped it with new longer lasting composite high pressure air cylinders. We now carry twice the amount of compressed air in the same number of cylinders, eliminating the need to refill at a fire scene.

I'm sure you are all painfully aware of the street renaming/renumbering effort that has been undertaken by the Board of Selectmen this past year. Although this may not be good news to you, it is to those of us in the emergency services. Finally, we will have a systematic street numbering methodology that makes some sense and will actually help us locate and deal with emergency situations. In the bargain, we have also eliminated the worst of the "sound alike" street names, hopefully reducing the amount of confusion in the early stages of emergency response. Although this is a short-term inconvenience and expense for the people of New London, it will be a long-term improvement in the safety of the community.

During "Fire Prevention Week" over 560 children visited the fire station for fire prevention classes, which were held in the equipment bays of the station. We look forward to the day when we have a proper classroom facility for all sorts of training activities. These facilities will be the principal focus of the new fire station addition that we have been planning for the last three years. Hopefully it will come to fruition in 2005. The new classroom will be used to train fire service recruits and other safety service personnel, in addition to our regular fire prevention classes.

Once again our annual open house that was held during Hospital Days was a great success. Hundreds of children (big and small) enjoyed a variety of fire department activities and demonstrations, and many parents told us that we had the best rides in town that day. On a hot summer afternoon at the fair, it's always nice to have a safe, cool place to gather for free food, drinks and wholesome activities.

But the really good news is that for the first time in 20 years, we have not only reached a full roster of 45 members (we had to change our by-laws to increase the total membership from 40 to 45), but we have a waiting list of several applicants. In addition, two of our newest members live and work in New London, providing improved protection during the troublesome midweek working hours. In fact, our turnout rate has improved so much that we haven't had to call on our Highway Department backup personnel at all this past year.

Once again, here is a list of a few simple things that you can do to help the fire department and yourselves prevent fires and alarms:

- ✓ If you have an alarm system, have it inspected and tested by your service provider on a regular basis, to diminish the probability of a false alarm. Electronically generated alarms account for nearly 30% of our total activity.

- ✓ If your alarm system is activated when you are home, IMMEDIATELY call the dispatcher at 526-2626 and advise them if there is an emergency or not. If your alarm system is controlling your phones, or you can't get to your regular phone, use a cell phone or your neighbor's phone.
- ✓ If you use a wood stove, wood furnace, or a fireplace on a regular basis, have your chimney cleaned and inspected annually, and burn only clean, dry, high quality firewood. Make sure the area around the heating appliance is cleared of combustible material for a space of at least 36 inches in all directions. Follow manufacturers' instructions on all appliances. Store ashes in a safe METAL CONTAINER on a non combustible surface that is out of the wind, for at least two weeks before disposal. Dispose of ashes in an area that is free of combustible material – empty flower beds or gardens, away from buildings -- and wet them down or cover them with snow.
- ✓ Do not use extension cords on space heaters or appliances; plug them directly into a grounded wall outlet. Extension cords are okay for small lights, but don't run them under carpets or rugs. Be careful not to overload circuits; don't plug in more stuff than you have outlets for and avoid overuse of "load centers." Inspect electrical cords regularly for frayed or worn insulation, and unplug anything that you don't use regularly.
- ✓ Clean the lint filter on your dryer every time you load it.
- ✓ Have your furnace cleaned and inspected at least once every heating season.
- ✓ Clean and inspect your gas grill at the beginning of the season, and check the "O" ring on the connection each time you change the tank. Gas grills are responsible for many fires, explosions and deaths each year! Follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully, and make sure the gas is turned completely off after each use.
- ✓ Watch out for those candles, they start more fires than you can shake a stick at!
- ✓ Keep your house and storage areas clean and tidy; remember, nearly everything can be fuel for a fire.
- ✓ Make sure that a licensed electrician does all electrical work done in your home to code; faulty wiring and electrical overload resulted in two structure fires in New London last year.

Please visit our website (www.NLFD.org) to get the scoop on recent fires and alarms, fire prevention, membership, and other information.

In closing, we would like to express our most sincere appreciation to the people of New London for their enthusiastic support of the Fire Department.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Stanley

Fire Chief

<u>Fire Calls</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Structure Fire	3	2
Chimney Fire	4	3
Vehicle Fire	4	3
Vehicle Accident	67	56
Extrication	3	6
Brush Fire	10	5
Kitchen Fire	5	5
Electrical Fire	5	5
Wood Stove Malfunction	4	1
Furnace Malfunction	2	12
Sprinkler Malfunction	3	1
Rescue	3	2
Search	0	1
Illegal Burn	7	9
Wire Down – Tree on the line	14	14
Hazardous Material Spill	5	11
Hazardous Condition (BIO)	2	5
Smoke Report	12	19
Alarm Response	15	28
False Alarm	78	79
Public Assistance	17	18
Flood Control	2	2
M/A Structure	5	13
M/A Other	6	7
Other	15	19
DHART Transfer	0	0
Gas Leak/ LP	10	16
Carbon Monoxide Detector	9	8
Medical Assist	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>
TOTAL	323	366

New London firefighter Beth Thomas practices rapelling off Hogan Center under the watchful eyes of captain Jay Lyon, First Lt. Amy Lyon, and Safety Officer Nancy Erickson.

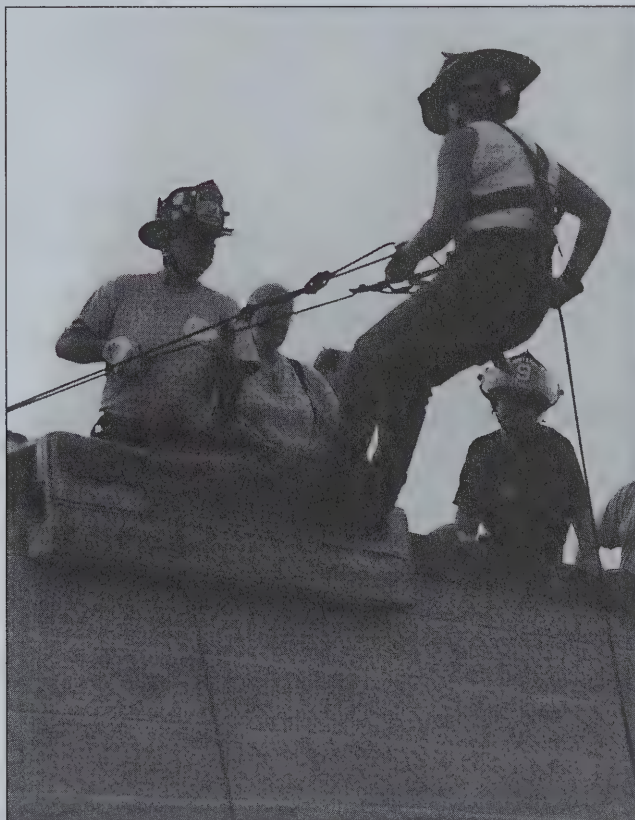


Photo by Bob Nelson

COMMUNITY FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for any open burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. In New London, contact the Dispatch Department at 526-2626 to find out if open burning is allowed on that day. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law, and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression cost.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and making sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your Fire Department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdfi.org or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

2002 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported through November 10, 2002)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	52	13.5
Carroll	80	10.5
Cheshire	39	17
Coos	3	2.5
Grafton	53	21
Hillsborough	108	54.5
Merrimack	94	13.5
Rockingham	60	25.5
Strafford	31	23
Sullivan	20	6

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson/Suspicious	43
Campfire	31
Children	32
Smoking	32
Rekindle of Permit	3
Illegal	7
Lightning	36
Misc*	356

*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment.

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Miner
Forest Ranger

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Over the past two months, several states to the south and west of us have encountered severe tornadoes and ice storms that caused heavy damage, the latter reminiscent of our ice storm of January 1998. The local, state, and federal emergency organizations have been in the thick of it since soon after the storms hit, and are still busily involved in the recovery phase. Unless there is a major emergency, natural or man-made, Emergency Management Committees keep a low profile.

Each community nationwide is required by law to form an Emergency Management Committee. In our Town, the Emergency Management Committee (NLEMC) is accountable to the Board of Selectmen, and the NLEMC Director is appointed by the Board of Selectmen. All Emergency Management Committees are charged with the responsibilities of being prepared to react and respond to any type of natural or man-made emergency, which could require the utilization of most or all of the community resources and has the potential for necessitating a request for additional assistance from neighboring towns, the state, and/or federal sources.

For seven years I have been Director of the NLEMC, and during my tenure New London has encountered a water main break that stopped the flow of water to all of the town for 18 hours; several heavy rain storms that caused expensive soil erosion (especially at the sealed landfill on Mountain Road); the ice storm of 1998; and several white powder incidents during late 2001. The NLEMC needs to be prepared, and you the residents need to be prepared. The NLEMC is available to help. Literature is available, and live presentations to individuals and groups can be arranged. Contact Bob Nelson at 526-2954 if you would like assistance.

The urgent agenda item for your NLEMC at this moment is getting organized to assist in establishing small pox clinics in this area. These clinics may not open until 2004, but the planning is in progress NOW with the involvement of numerous groups.

On December 4, 2002, 20 emergency workers from the area gathered at Tracy Library for training on the use of radiation monitoring equipment. The five-hour class was taught by people from the State of New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management, which supplies us with the equipment. Several monitoring kits are assigned to New London on a permanent basis.

SAU 65 has cooperated extensively with the NLEMC for several years. The SAU staff, teachers, and students are well prepared for natural or man-made emergencies, and for this we are very thankful. In 2002, two evacuation drills were conducted to off-site shelters, including one on Election Day in November. The drills went extremely well, and from each we learn how to improve on the next drill.

For the 2003 budget year, three grants were written to the NH Office of Emergency Management requesting funds, all of which were successful: 1) a \$24,000 grant for the purchase of a generator for our primary evacuation site, the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School; 2) \$1,000 to pay half of the New London membership fee in the newly-formed Mid-West NH Regional HazMat Response Team; and 3) a grant for \$3,000 to pay half the cost of supplying residents with an Emergency Response Wheel to concisely tell how to prepare now and how to act in the event of an emergency.

New London has 11 emergency evacuation shelters, although only two have generators to provide heat and light – Whipple Memorial Town Hall and the Old Colby Academy Building. The generator for the Elementary School will give us a third shelter with heat, lights, and meal preparation capabilities. Two gas masks were donated to the NLEMC in 2002.

Bob Nelson was named Emergency Management Director of the year 2002 for the State of New Hampshire by the Northeast States Emergency Consortium. An award ceremony was held in August (see below).

The NLEMC is searching for a Deputy Director. Four new people have joined the Committee this year: Carol Connell and Karen Kays from New London Hospital; Assistant Principal Don West from Kearsarge Regional Middle School; and Supervisor Heather Wood from New London Dispatch. Our NLEMC has participated in the

discussions on the confusing street names in New London and the new building numbering system, changes that will become effective in April 2003.

Only one family in New London is on our special needs list of families or individuals that need assistance in the event of an extended power outage. It is strongly recommended that those of you on life support systems, or who have other special needs, register with one, two or three of the following: the Public Service Company at (800) 662-7764; the Lake Sunapee Regional Visiting Nurse Association at 526-4077; and/or Bob Nelson, NLEMC Director at 526-2954. For confidentiality reasons, YOU can't be helped unless we know who you are, where you are, how we can reach you, and what your needs are.

Thank you to the residents of New London, and the Emergency Management Committee members for your tremendous support and cooperation.

In an emergency, PLEASE call 911. Keep calm, be patient and speak so that you can be understood.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Nelson

Emergency Management Director

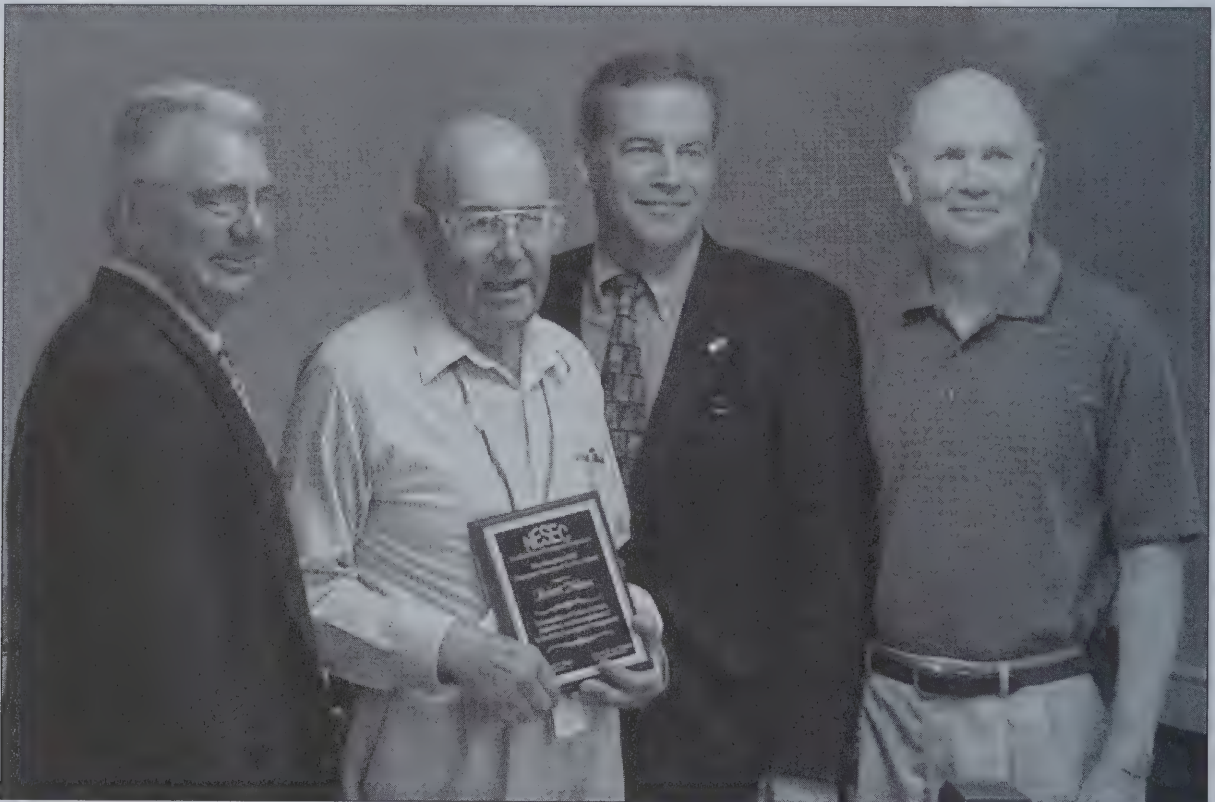


Photo by Bob Andrews

On August 5, 2002, Bob Nelson was awarded the Northeast States Emergency Consortium Emergency Management Director of the Year. In the presence of his loving family, friends, and the Board of Selectmen, Bob was presented the award by Donald Bliss and Leland Kimball, Director and Deputy Director of the NH Division of Fire Safety and Emergency Management. Bob is shown here with, from left, Leland Kimball, Bob, Donald Bliss, and Doug Lyon, chair of the Board of Selectmen. The Town of New London is fortunate to receive such talented and dedicated volunteership as that which Bob provides, and we thank him for all he does for the safety and well-being of our citizens.

HEALTH OFFICER

The year 2002 was an especially busy one for your Health Officer. Although the number of test pits witnessed and septic system plans approved were increased over 2001, the primary increase in Health Department activities involved the attendance at many planning meetings, workshops, seminars, training and information sessions pertaining to public health problems associated particularly with bio-terrorism and the West Nile virus. In 2002, a total of 66 test pits were witnessed and 55 sets of septic system plans were approved. This compares with 51 test pits and 48 plans processed in 2001. Plans approved for new construction in 2002 totaled 26 vs. 18 last year. Before building permits are issued in New London for new housing construction on lots not served by the sewer system, septic systems plans must be approved by the Health Officer and by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Because plans and specifications for septic systems are based on test pit data, along with percolation test results, witnessing of test pits by the Health Officer followed by plans approval insures that septic systems are designed with the correct test pit data.

Over the last 200 years, public health practices, including those enforced by laws and regulations, have eliminated most of the epidemic diseases from the developed countries of the world and has nearly doubled the lifespan of their inhabitants. Edward Jenner first successfully immunized a boy against small pox in 1796 with what he named "vaccine" (from the Latin *vacca*, meaning cow) taken from cowpox pustules. Massachusetts was the first state to require vaccination of children before they could enter public schools. (Because the vaccine wasn't commercially available, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, in the late 1800s, established its own laboratory for producing the vaccine by harvesting the virus from cowpox pustules on inoculated calves' stomachs.) Subsequently, vaccination became compulsory throughout the United States and smallpox was effectively controlled by the early 1930s. When, in the 1970s, almost universal vaccination had eradicated smallpox throughout the populations of the world, the requirement for vaccination was removed with the result that most of our population under 30 years old is susceptible to smallpox. The rest of the population that has not had booster vaccinations in the last 30 years will have a diminished immunity and if infected may develop the disease but in a milder form, depending upon the level of immunity remaining. It is not really known how long an effective immunity may last. In any case, the introduction of smallpox into our mostly susceptible population could result in a national pandemic resulting in the deaths of up to 30% of those infected.

To preclude such a national catastrophe, if there is one case of smallpox in an area of the country, immediate vaccination of the whole population will be required. Because of the danger of vaccination causing a generalized infection in those very few individuals with impaired immunological systems or with extensive skin lesions such as in eczema, in such persons the vaccine will be withheld in order to prevent generalized vaccinia virus infections, which can sometimes be fatal. In the face of the threat of a smallpox pandemic the risk of developing a generalized vaccinia virus infection by normal immunologically competent individuals is extremely unlikely. In the face of a smallpox bio-terrorism threat, it is an act of conscience and one's civic/social responsibility to be vaccinated. In the early days of vaccination some religious leaders fought against vaccination because they believed it was wrong to "thwart God's will" in preventing a disease. We would hope in this more enlightened age that even those who have negative feelings about immunization would be vaccinated to help protect all of society as well as themselves. The greater number of people immunized in any population, the less likely that those not immunized will contract the disease. Public health and emergency management at the national, state, and our local level are making plans and preparations to deal effectively with the threat of smallpox. Immunization of the whole population within days, together with mandatory isolation and quarantine of those exposed or infected, will be required to prevent a public health disaster.

Cigarette smoking and inhalation of second hand smoke are still the most common preventable causes of disease, especially heart disease and lung diseases, in New Hampshire and in the United States. Waitpersons in restaurants are among the most severely exposed workers to the ravages of inhaling second hand smoke. In New London only two restaurants continue to expose their help and patrons to second hand cigarette smoke despite the fact that becoming smoke free has been shown not to decrease business. We commend the smoke free restaurants and hope that the last two smoking restaurants will shoulder the responsibility to their employees and to society at large and become smoke free. One of our still smoking public restaurants, although it

discourages smoking by its patrons, because it is also a membership club a few members insist on smoking while dining. The cost of suffering caused by cigarette smoke inhalation is borne by both the victims and by all of society. Our smoke free restaurants deserve our appreciation and patronage.

West Nile virus (WNV) is transmitted to humans by the bite of mosquitoes that have previously bitten a bird, most commonly crows and bluejays, which are infected with the virus. Although we have had no crows or bluejays or any dead birds collected in New London test positive for WNV, each year positive indicators of the eventual spread of the virus to New London get closer. In 2002, WNV-positive birds have been collected as close as Hopkinton, and a pool of mosquitoes from Lebanon tested positive. Although public health cannot compete for funds with the glamour of beautiful new sidewalks or the attraction of acquiring conservation land, I am assured that emergency funds could be forthcoming if there is a proven need to carry out mosquito control measures on a town wide basis. Although from a public health perspective it would be my choice to proactively reduce mosquito populations by contracting for larvaciding, it was considered fiscally prudent to wait until there is positive evidence of the presence of West Nile virus in New London. To obtain a pesticide use permit for the town and contract for the application of larvacides to mosquito breeding areas will cost an estimated \$15,000-\$20,000, based on the experience of one town that spent \$6,800 to obtain a pesticide permit and have the town surveyed to plot mosquito breeding areas. We do not anticipate the spraying of pesticide to control adult mosquitoes unless the danger to our population becomes very great.

In the meantime, we should each take measures to protect ourselves from mosquitoes by removing any containers of standing water from our property where the insects can breed; by refraining from going outdoors in the evening during mosquito season; by using a 10% or higher DEET mosquito repellent on our bodies; and by wearing clothing that leaves a minimum of skin exposed to the bite of mosquitoes. As mosquito season approaches, I will make more detailed instructions available to townspeople. Please be observant and report immediately any sightings of dead crows or bluejays to your health officer so that the birds can be submitted to the laboratory and/or immediately frozen such that they will be suitable for WNV diagnosis.

Among the many bird and animal species susceptible to infection with West Nile virus, horses are particularly susceptible and are very likely to develop a very serious illness including encephalomyelitis. A high percentage of infected horses succumb to WNV disease or must be put down because of serious nervous system damage. Fortunately, a vaccine to protect equines from WNV infection has been developed and it is recommended that horse owners take the precaution of having their animals immunized. This will also reduce the chances of those working around horses of contracting the disease from the bite of a mosquito that had previously bitten an infected horse.

I am pleased to announce to you that Elizabeth Meller, R.N., B.S.N., M.S.N., has agreed to serve New London as assistant health officer. Liz will be a great addition to our Health Department, coming to us with a wealth of experience in public health nursing in Washington, D.C., New Jersey and in New York City. You will find her a pleasant, knowledgeable, enthusiastic person whose experience is especially appropriate in these days of bio-terrorism threats.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald F. Bent

Donald F. Bent, Ph.D., Health Officer

RECREATION COMMISSION

The year 2002 provided us with another great summer of weather for outdoor recreation, and another busy year for the Recreation Department. Our American Red Cross swimming program continues to be a very popular program, serving 184, a slight increase from last year. The sailing and kayaking programs at Bucklin Beach continued to flourish. We were able to offer a U.S. Sailing Counselor Course, which resulted in providing the beach staff with several certified sailing counselors. We provided sailing lessons to approximately 40 students, children and adults.

This year brought more change to Bucklin Beach, making it more popular than ever for families. The Recreation Commission would like to extend its gratitude and congratulations to Eagle Scout Drew Ross, who, while working on his Eagle Scout project, managed and directed all phases of building our new playstructure at Bucklin Beach. Over 20 volunteers worked under Drew's guidance to provide us with a great new playground! We would also like to thank the Highway Department for doing the site work for the playground, and for preparing the location of the pavilion that was erected in the fall. Due to the generosity of Timberpeg (which donated the timber frame) and Jay Tucker and Old Hampshire Designs (which erected the frame), we were able to put up the pavilion at a lower cost, leaving enough funding for picnic tables.

Technology has played a role in recreation in New London over the past few years, and we're not talking about Nintendo or Playstation. Over the past year we have had over 13,000 accesses to our Recreation Department web site at www.nlrec.com. Over 80% of parents who registered their children for swim lessons were able to download a form off their home computer, fill it out, and mail it in with a check! We sent over 20,000 e-mails spreading the recreational news of the area. If you're not on our list, send an e-mail to nlrec@adelphia.net, asking to subscribe. We are continually looking for ways to keep people informed.

A huge thank you goes out to Keith and Donna Pomkoski and family for hosting the Town skating rink on their property at the New London Inn. A year ago November we had a tremendous gift by some very talented and generous local people. They transformed the gentle slope into a beautiful flat area for our skating rink. Although Mother Nature did not cooperate last winter, this winter we have had the best ice ever! The only downside has been the snow banks piled so high that we can't enjoy seeing the skaters as we ride by in our cars.

A major task we have undertaken this year has been our work with the community center action committee. The idea of a community center in New London is not a new one; it has been discussed several times in the past. In November 1995, the League of Women Voters New London Community Profile Report – *The Upper Valley in 2001 and Beyond* – identified the need for community programming and services for all ages, and the need for a community center. In December 1996, the Town of New London Recreation Director Task Force Report determined the need for a town recreation director, and recommended that a committee be established to study the feasibility of building a community center. In October 1999, the Town of New London Focus on Recreation Town Forum was held to achieve a better understanding of the town's recreational needs. At that forum, over 100 participants identified a strong need for a more consolidated effort to provide recreation to all ages, and concluded that a community center was a feasible solution.

The vision the community center action committee has for the community center is that it will be a private non-profit organization built with 100% donated capital. The proposed operating costs, based on many other community centers it has reviewed, are made up primarily of program fees, memberships and rental fees. The involvement and evolution of the Recreation Department is being closely examined so that in the long run in whatever direction we go it is in the best interest of people of all ages in New London.

We always welcome your comments and suggestions over the phone at 526-6401, or by e-mail at nlrec@adelphia.net.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Andrews

Recreation Director

TRACY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2002 was a year of change and transition, but we are pleased to report that Tracy Library maintained its status as one of the top ten libraries in the nation in towns with a population of 2,500-4,900, according to the American Library Association's ratings. We are grateful to the citizens of New London, whose support allows us to serve the community so well. Some interesting statistics on our patrons: we currently have 4529 registered borrowers, of whom 2672 are resident adults and 623 are resident juveniles. There are 486 non-resident juvenile borrowers who attend school in the Kearsarge District, 466 non-resident adult borrowers, 222 temporary cards, and 60 Colby-Sawyer student cards. During 2002 we added to our collection 1331 books, 117 videos, 99 cassette books, 27 CD books, and 39 music CD 's. We circulated over 130,000 items to our patrons, loaned 616 items to other libraries, and secured 364 items for our patrons through interlibrary loan. Our growing collection of CD books is very popular, and we are thinking of adding DVDs in the near future. Use of our two public Internet terminals was especially heavy during the summer months. Early next year we hope to add word processing stations for the public. Our new photocopier is a great improvement, now that we have learned most of its secrets.

The Friends Book Sale and Membership Drive brought in almost \$20,000, allowing us to sponsor our newsletter and many programs, purchase new audiovisual shelving, a new interlibrary loan computer, a laser printer, a laminating machine, language cassettes and books-on-tape for children, many adult reference and large print books. Our volunteers continue to support the staff in myriad ways, playing a vital role in our day-to-day operations and providing many special services.

The children's programs, an important part of the Library's service to the community, attracted over 6000 enthusiastic participants in a variety of programs: pre-school story hours, after-school programs, bedtime stories, summer reading programs, art and science workshops, book talks, the holiday puppet show and party, and, of course, Tomie dePaola's annual summer visit. We are particularly excited about a new offering this past year: parent-child book discussions, a wonderful opportunity for stimulating family interaction. Adult programs, such as *Great Decisions* and *BookBrowsers* were also well attended. In addition, the Library is pleased to host meetings and events for many community organizations.

One of the community groups that provides ongoing support to the Library is the New London Garden Club. This past year, under the Garden's Club's leadership, a very special project that has been in the planning stages for some time, has come to fruition. The restoration of the historic Olmsted Gardens at the Library is nearly complete, and we look forward to showing off this special place next summer. We are deeply grateful to Sue Little and the many other volunteers who worked so diligently to make this dream a reality. We hope that spectacular blooms in the spring will reward the hardy crew who planted over 4000 bulbs on a freezing November day!

Although it hardly seems possible, our computers, network, and automated circulation/catalog system had been in place for seven years and were sorely in need of replacement. In November, using gift monies, we were able to completely replace the system. Although we've had some learning to do, we are finding the new equipment and software a vast improvement. We are particularly grateful to our stalwart desk volunteers who have been willing to undertake the necessary re-training. At this point in time we are also trying to cope with an entirely new State system for cataloging and interlibrary loan.

Perhaps the most significant change the Library is undergoing at present is in the area of personnel. The Board and Staff are saddened by the retirement of Susanne Filkins, a long-term staff member who has provided inspiration and dedicated service to the Library since 1975. Starting as assistant librarian, she became head librarian in 1980 and served in that capacity until November 1987, when I succeeded her. Under Sue's capable, professional leadership, the Library thrived and positioned itself for the challenges of the information age, and she continued to play an invaluable role as a part-time staff member in charge of interlibrary loan operations. We offer her our heartfelt thanks and wishes for a happy, well-earned retirement.

Other changes in personnel include the hiring in April of Heather Shumway as a part-time library assistant. Heather will receive a Masters in Library Science degree from Simmons College in May 2003. As of January 2003 she will be working fulltime at the Library, taking over interlibrary loan and other responsibilities.

The Library is also delighted to welcome Linda Miller as Co-Director. Starting in January 2003 she will share with me the responsibility for administering the Library. Linda has been a part time staff member since 1995, and prior to joining the staff served as a volunteer, member of the Board of Trustees, and member of the Library Building Committee. She holds a MLS from Simmons College.

Looking ahead to 2003, we plan improved technological and informational services, and I look forward to working with Linda, who will bring fresh ideas and perspectives to the Library's administration. As always, we will work to balance the efficiency of the Library with its mission to provide a warm and welcoming environment for the families in our community.

On behalf of the Staff and Board, I thank the citizens of New London for their continuing support. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Foose
Library Director



Photo from New London Archives

Tracy Library Garden (ca. 1926-1935) – Thanks to the efforts of the New London Garden Club, this garden has been restored to its original Olmsted Brothers design.

TRACY LIBRARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash on Hand January 1, 2002	\$31,494.13
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Income:

Town Appropriation	\$254,350.00
Trust Funds	16,956.54
Fines	5,718.15
Lost/Damaged Materials	396.19
Gifts and Memorials	5,145.37
Non-Resident Fees	4,694.90
Copier	1,170.00
Payment/Books Purchased	856.46
CD Interest	12,809.82
Checking Interest	93.16

Total Income/Cash on Hand	\$291,190.59
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Total Income plus Cash on Hand	\$322,684.72
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Expenditures:

Personnel	213,778.49
Books and related materials	41,762.01
Supplies	5,330.78
Equipment	5,253.13
Maintenance	19,971.45
Public Relations	1,026.59
Travel and Dues	458.00
Audit	1,125.00
Safe Deposit box	55.00
Special Project	14,958.10

Total Expenditures	303,718.55
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Cash on Hand December 31, 2001	\$18,966.17
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Memorial, Capital and Gift Funds

Balance of Funds, January 1, 2001	\$201,240.18
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Balance of Funds, December 31, 2001	\$180,587.18
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NEW LONDON BANDSTAND COMMITTEE, INC.

The year 2002 brought major changes to the Bandstand Committee. We met on February 21, 2002, to change our name slightly and to become a non-profit corporation as a result of the bequests received from Steven M. Mendelson. A board of five directors was elected: Barbara Davis Green, Lois E. Marshall, Frank Sherman, Ruth Sisson and Nancy Snow. The following slate of officers was also elected: Ruth Sisson, President; Lois E. Marshall, Vice President; Barbara Davis Green, Treasurer; and Nancy Snow, Secretary. Signing as incorporators were Norman M. Leger, Robert Lull, Margaret Moreland, Mary Teach and April Whittaker.

The 14th season of summer concerts at the Haddad Bandstand on Sargent Common commenced with a memorial concert dedicated to Steven M. Mendelson. The Hopkinton Town Band (the band that played at the opening dedication of the bandstand) was the band chosen to play for this first concert. Seven other bands and musical groups completed our season, all of which were received enthusiastically by appreciative audiences.

On June 21, Ruth and Don Sisson announced that they were moving away from New London, and we regretfully accepted Ruth's resignation as President. Lois Marshall was elected President and Frank Sherman, Vice President. Frank is also program coordinator. Marge Sherman takes care of publicity. Bob Lull is in charge of underwriters. Townes Harris is responsible for putting up the flag and bunting for each concert with Bob Lull, his substitute. George "Bud" Snow is responsible for the sound system. The following members of the committee (not serving on specific subcommittees) carry out a myriad of duties that help to make our concerts successful: Liz Cooper, Anna Green, Bill Green, and Ellie Norris Wall.

The Garden Club continues to provide beautiful seasonal plantings. Many thanks to the New London Highway Department and Peter and Debbie Stanley for the decorated Christmas tree in the bandstand. The Bandstand Committee appreciates the help received by friends in the community who assist with refreshments for the musicians. A special note of appreciation is given to Hayward Refrigeration for taking care of the electrical system from the beginning and to Radio Shack for coming to our aid last summer with our balking sound system.

We continue to be grateful to the members of the local business community for their generosity in underwriting these summer concerts. They are the ones who make these concerts possible.

Most of the musical groups, some new and some returning, have been booked for 2003, and the Committee looks forward to another successful summer of music and community spirit. A major project in 2003 will be the overhaul or replacement of our sound system. So, bring your family and friends to Sargent Common on Friday evenings -- in case of rain, concerts will be held in adjacent Whipple Memorial Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois E. Marshall
President

TREE WARDEN

The year 2002 marked the 16th year in a row that New London received the Tree City designation from the National Arbor Association. We celebrated by planting almost 80 trees in New London in 2002! In addition to the 60 trees planted during the Newport Road sidewalk project, Tree Warden David Carey oversaw the restoration of 14 maple trees to the Cleveland fields on Main Street and six white oaks to Tracy Road. With the aid of Mark Barselle of Highlander Tree Services, David tended to the trees on Little Common, pruning where necessary and removing sound system wires that were causing damage to the trees. We greatly appreciate the time and expertise that David provides to the Town, and look forward to seeing the growth of our newest trees and those to come.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The New London Conservation Commission continues to be a very active town body, involved in many aspects of conservation in New London. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 1:00 in the Town Offices. We always enjoy having interested people attend our meetings.

We continue to work hard to maintain our 20+ mile trail network. Wayne Warriner has done a superb job of coordinating work parties and the trails have never looked better. Wayne and his intrepid volunteers not only do all the work on our existing trails, but they have spent a great deal of time planning two new trails, which should be ready sometime in 2003. One connects the old Dura Crockett trail through to the Great Brook Trail and the other is a trail from Ohler's Tree Farm through to the Kidder Cleveland Trail. This trail planning was greatly assisted by Terry Dancy and his very effective use of the new GPS system that the conservation commission gratefully received as a gift from Nancy Lyon. I should also mention our many thanks to the members of the SRK Greenway who have helped maintain those trails that they use throughout New London.

Ruth White has done a great job of spearheading our educational outreach for the last several years. The weekly notes that you can find at both the Bog and Low Plain are her handiwork as are the Nature Notes that you can find in the box in the entrance to the Town Offices. She is also responsible for planning our winter walks and spring walks.

We are very lucky to have Laura Alexander as a member of the commission. Laura is also a teacher at Colby-Sawyer College and her expertise in downloading our GPS data to various maps has been invaluable. Our connection with the College, including our work last year with three students on their 3rd year project, is a great asset to the community. Laura has extensive knowledge of the local flora, and will be heading up an invasive species workshop and census this spring.

We continue to have a valuable connection to the pulse of the town in Peter Stanley. His knowledge of the layout of the town and all its zoning and planning laws has helped us maintain our focus on issues of town wide importance.

Dr. Edward Parkhurst, a member of the commission since 1991, is an ever-present voice of reason in a very enthusiastic group of environmentalists! His example of commitment to conservation principles is a shining light for all of us.

We were sorry to accept the resignation this year of Fred Sladen, who has done an excellent job of reviewing wetlands applications and also did all the easement monitoring for us. Our responsibility to protect the town's wetlands is one that we do not take lightly and Fred's contribution to this will be sorely missed. Likewise, easement monitoring is very important and we are pleased that Dick Cavallaro has agreed to rejoin the commission and take on this responsibility.

Another commissioner whose resignation we accepted with regret this year was Chris McKee. Continuing her mother's legacy of service to the town, Chris has been a great source of help on our trails and a valuable voice in our discussions, especially with her knowledge of land and real estate. We hope we will still see her around the trails!

We are extremely grateful for our secretary, Sarah Denz. Her clear, concise and very comprehensible minutes are very important to us. Thank you, Sarah, for all your help.

I enjoy my responsibility on the Commission as its representative to the Planning Board. We are extremely grateful that the town is able to keep up such a good flow of communication between its various boards. We are all very lucky to live in such a wonderful community.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ellen Andrews

Chair

AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust is a non-profit organization founded in 1987 with the mission to preserve the rural character of the Kearsarge/Sunapee region. The ASLPT works in a cooperative effort with landowners and local governments, including the New London Conservation Commission, in an effort to preserve the rural landscape of New London and its neighboring towns. Since our founding, the ASLPT has protected more than 3000 acres from development in the Kearsarge/Sunapee region.

The ASLPT sponsored numerous scheduled and well-attended events during 2002 that were available to our membership and the general public. The ASLPT celebrated its 15th anniversary in August with a potluck picnic at Kit and Nancy Tatum's conservation easement property on Burpee Hill in New London, which was attended by over 150 of our members and at which our original Founding Board was honored.

Throughout the year the ASLPT also offered numerous complimentary hikes highlighting recently protected properties. In January, the ASLPT and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) co-sponsored a winter walk at the ASLPT-protected Kidder Tract property in Newbury. During the summer the ASLPT hosted several hikes including one on the Spofford easement northwest of Pleasant Lake and on the newly developed Cook Interpretive Loop Trail in Elkins, which more than 60 people attended. The entire trail system is located on the Cook easement off Whitney Brook Road in Elkins and features a 1.2-mile loop trail with a 240-foot climb. I encourage all of you who have not had a chance to hike this property to do so. Maps are located at the trailhead and in our office. In September, an exploration of four protected properties in Andover was held and was also well attended.

We were particularly delighted to have completed three conservation easements in New London, either on shoreline or land abutting Little Lake Sunapee. Over 3000 feet of shoreline were protected with the completion of two new conservation easements donated by Dr. Edward and Anne Parkhurst and by the Stanley Point Trust. The Stanley easement also protects an additional 700 feet of the undeveloped "gateway" into New London along Newport Road. David and Mary MacMillin donated an easement on two acres on Little Sunapee Road that were once part of the Colbytown Camp. Along with other previously protected lands in the area, an area of several hundred acres of ASLPT-protected conservation lands constitutes an extended ecosystem/habitat area in the Little Lake Sunapee watershed.



Photo by Richard Lee

This Great Egret landed in the Mill Pond in Elkins during the re-construction of the Hayes Dam.

Outside of New London, conservation easements were completed in Sunapee, Newbury and Danbury. Van Webb donated a 37-acre easement on property located near Route 103 in Sunapee and adjacent to an already protected 370-acre parcel. Clare and Dean Bensley of Newbury donated an easement on 63 acres in close proximity to 2000 already protected acres including the Pillsbury State Park and the Sunapee State Park. Our first easement was completed in Danbury on 82 acres located on Wiggin Road and owned by Linford and Mary Ellin Stiles. The general public can enjoy spectacular views towards Ragged Mountain and the Danbury Bog from the road adjacent to the property.

The ASLPT was pleased to have the opportunity to host a student intern this past summer in conjunction with Colby-Sawyer College's Community and Environmental Studies major. His duties included installing boundary markers around the perimeter of ASLPT protected properties and creating a database concerning our 57 protected properties.

In December, the ASLPT was invited to attend a New London Budget Committee meeting to hear Dijit Taylor, Director of the Center for Land Conservation Assistance, discuss the disparity between the cost of services required by residential property versus undeveloped land in New Hampshire. Undeveloped open space provides more direct income to a community than it requires in services, thereby underwriting the costs of residences.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved with the ASPLT, including our membership, many volunteers, easement monitors and the New London Conservation Commission, for all the help you have given us during the year. We could not do it without you! If you have any questions concerning land preservation, please give us a call at (603) 526-6555.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Stanley
Executive Director

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PLEASANT LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Summer on Pleasant Lake is a special time for residents and visitors who love crystal clear waters, the cry of the loons and cool misty mornings. Summer is also a very active time for the Pleasant Lake Protective Association, a group of volunteers dedicated to preserving and protecting one of New London's most beautiful natural treasures. Under the leadership of President Dick Clayton and Vice President Doug Baxter, the PLPA is now working diligently to protect the lake from milfoil, a dangerous invasive weed. This past summer our first Lake Host worked hard to advise boaters of our determination to keep Pleasant Lake free of milfoil. John Wilson headed up a dedicated team of weed watchers who frequently snorkeled the lake waters searching for any sign of the weed. We are happy to report that these efforts are keeping milfoil out of Pleasant Lake.

Pleasant Lake enjoys a warm sense of community. The Pleasant Lake Protective Association sponsors several community events during the summer, including fireworks, a fishing derby and a boat parade. In July, our fishing derby registered 68 children! Due to their efforts, many rock bass were removed from the lake. Close to 30 boats entered the "God Bless America" boat parade. Two boats won Best Entry in Parade this year. One was the Conner family sailboat with an amazing tower and beautiful Lady Liberty standing tall against the mast. The other was from the Chapin family displaying a model of the twin towers with a sign "Never Forget." Three young boys sat near the towers wearing firemen's hats and flying a very large American flag. These entries and many others brought tears to our eyes as we celebrated our freedom and realized that we are truly blessed.

If you would like to become a member of the Pleasant Lake Protective Association, please call 526-4069.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Wilson, Secretary

Pleasant Lake Protective Association



Photo by Katherine Wilson

Loon on Pleasant Lake.

SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

Have you seen the new sidewalk on Newport Road? Better yet, have you used it? We invite you, in early May, to take a stroll. Park your car at Spring Ledge Farm, and begin at the beginning. Enjoy the Garden Club's creations at the traffic island, admire the flowering crabapples, acknowledge your safe separation from traffic, sit on the benches, and watch the busy New London world pass by. We hope you join us in the spring for the dedication of the sidewalk in memory of Steven M. Mendelson, who would have loved the sidewalk.

The Sidewalk Committee is thrilled that construction was completed in late fall . . . behind schedule, but better late than never. Now, as spring approaches, we cross our fingers that the grass comes back and the trees recover from their first roadside winter.

We have many people to thank for the successful completion of the sidewalk. First and foremost, the property owners and businesses along Newport Road, for their patience, their input, and their willingness to work with the town and with each other on this project. Second, Road Agent Richard Lee, for his vigilant attention to detail during the design and construction phases, and his enthusiasm for the project even during the most difficult moments. Third, the residents and visitors of New London, for their interest and excitement about the project and the change it brought to Newport Road. Although 80% of project costs came from a federal grant, the remaining 20% was funded by taxpayers, and we are grateful for your generosity.

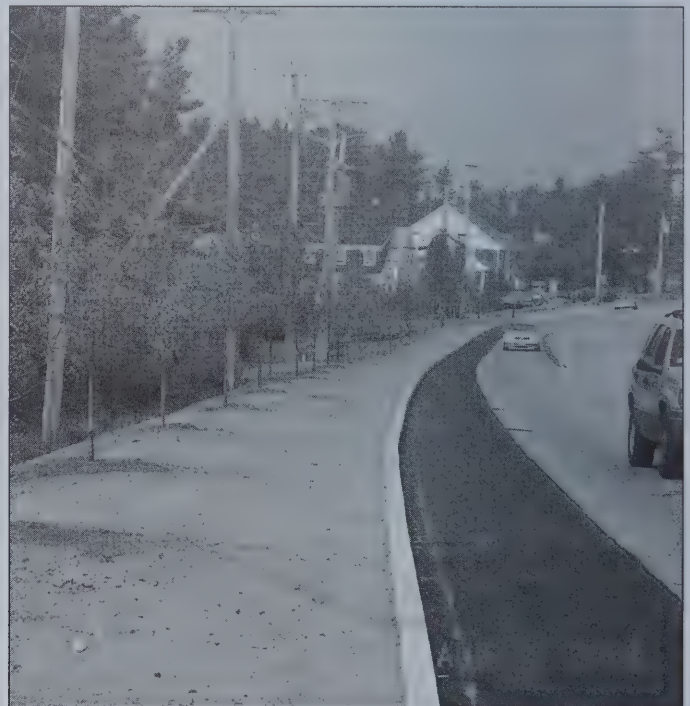
Finally, thank you, members of the Sidewalk Committee, for your commitment to this and future projects, and those who have given their time along the way: Clint Sheerr, Carol Stedman, Deirdre Sheerr, David Kidder, John McKenna, Ed Taylor, George Pelletieri, Jon Rose, Ken McWilliams from the UVLSRPC, and Victoria Chase from the state DOT. Now, everyone, get out there and start wearing out the sidewalk!

New London Sidewalk Committee

Respectfully submitted,
Jessie W. Levine
Town Administrator

Richard Lee, Chair
Bob Andrews
Sue Andrews
John Clough

Sydney L. Crook
Mary Eysenbach
Debbie Stanley



Photos of Newport Road, looking towards New London Shopping Center, before and midway through the sidewalk construction.

NEW LONDON ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

As always, we are very pleased with the number of gifts from thoughtful people. Roy London, a graduate of New London Central School, is responsible for a copy of New London's 1930 federal census. It is very interesting and we are pleased to have it. Several old deeds were sent to use from the Nashua Historical Society along with an old highway surveyor's book. Four Corners Grille has placed several old menus in the archives. The New London Historical Society gave us a copy of their new coloring book featuring their buildings and functions which take place there. We were given a 1972 Colby Jr. College cookbook, Kampus to Kitchen, to add to our local cookbook collection.

A thank you to all who were involved, especially Charles Whittemore of South Sutton (originally of New London). He has a wealth of knowledge about New London memorabilia and is a great help to us. More 1998 Ice Storm materials have been placed in the archives as have KRES student pictures 2001-2002. I could continue on but I think this will let you know that the archives are growing every year.

A big thank you to our faithful volunteers. Progress in the archives could not happen without them.

The archives are open to the public on Wednesday mornings in the Old Academy Building, which houses the town offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Moreland
Town Archivist



Photo by Debra Lamson Perkins

First Baptist Church, seen through the window of Whipple Memorial Town Hall.

NEW LONDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The New London Historical Society was incorporated in 1954 for the purposes of developing an interest in the history of the New London area; collecting and preserving objects, facts and information of historical significance to the area; and the education about the historical evolution of day-to-day life in the New London area. Our 19th century village includes 16 buildings on eight acres on Little Sunapee Road. Funding for all projects, maintenance, conservation of artifacts and educational programs is derived through donations, bequests, membership dues and fundraising projects.

In 2002 we saw an increase in visitors to our village and Wagon Ways Exhibit. Governor Anthony Colby's chaise was conserved and the Gray Line wagon was sent for restoration by the American Conservation Consortium in Freemont, NH. Inventory of all artifacts was instituted and is a continuing project. A class at Colby-Sawyer College produced a videotape, "Journey From Yesterday," and is shown to visitors in the Transportation Museum lobby. Our education committee developed boxes of educational materials to be loaned to local schools prior to visits to our village. Included in these boxes is an activity booklet, "Journey To The Past", that they created and published. This booklet can be purchased in the Transportation Museum and at a local bookstore. Reconstruction of the Eagle Hose Co. building is almost complete. Long-range planning and grant writing committees were formed and are successfully meeting their goals.

Countless hours were logged by many volunteers who maintain buildings and grounds, act as docents during open hours and special tours, work on fundraising, staff events and educational programs, and oversee our artifacts. More volunteers are always needed and we welcome any talents and time given. You may contact us at (603) 526-6564 or visit our website: www.nlhs.net.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Lauridsen

President

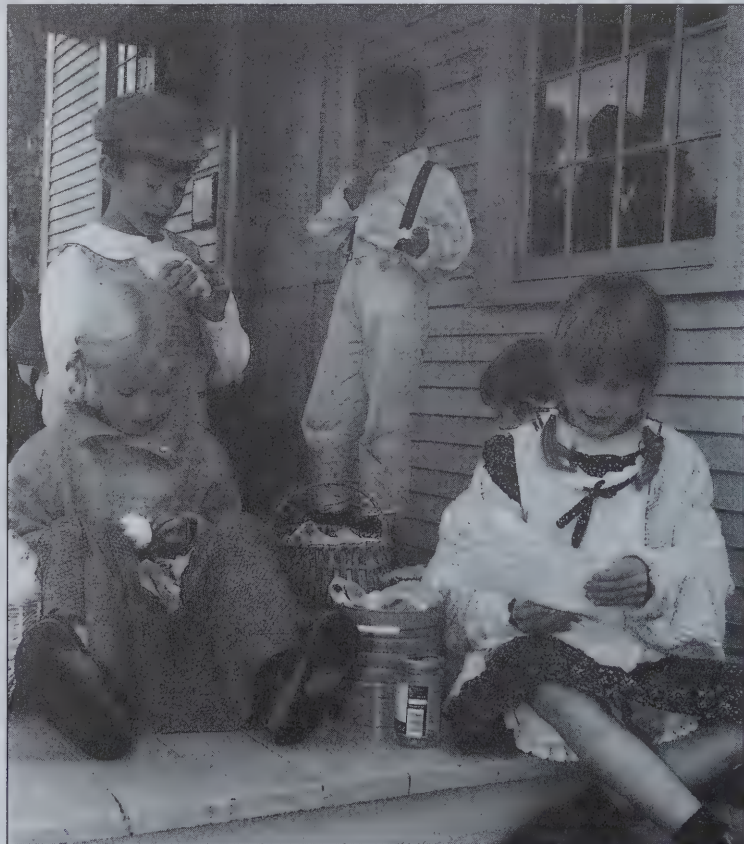


Photo from New London Historical Society

Visiting school children enjoy a 19th century style lunch on the porch of the country store (former Burpee Hill school house), fall 2002.

PLANNING BOARD

Your Planning Board began the year 2002 by conducting public hearings on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for ballot vote at the 2002 Town Meeting. The major initiatives approved by the voters were: cleaning up and simplifying the section on excavation, removal and filling of lands; rezoning the properties owned by Colby-Sawyer College along the north side of Main Street from Agricultural and Rural Residential District to Institutional District and adding perimeter setback requirements in the Institutional District; adding a provision for improvement of non-conforming structures in the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District; revising the height regulations in the Shore Land Overlay District; and amending the Streams Conservation Overlay District to allow for improvement of non-conforming structures and to make requests for reduction in the width of a stream buffer a special exception.

The Planning Board addressed a wide variety of current planning activities during the 17 meetings held over the past year. Final Site Plan Reviews were generated for institutional uses by three construction projects at Colby-Sawyer College, and one school and one church expansion. Site Plan Review applications were also approved by the Planning Board for the redevelopment of a gas station site for a convenience store, conversion of a building from retail to office use, and reconfiguration of a bank site. In addition, the Planning Board approved Site Plan Review applications for five home businesses and three home occupations. In terms of subdivision activity, the Planning Board approved two phases of a cluster development including 16 lots and three other major subdivisions creating 11 new lots.

In the fall, the Planning Board approved an update of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the 2003 through 2012 time period. Following the process initiated last year, the Planning Board appointed a working CIP Committee to develop a draft of the CIP. This working CIP Committee consisted of two members from the Planning Board, two members from the Budget Committee, and one member of the Board of Selectmen. The CIP Committee met with the department heads and, with the assistance of the Town Planner, developed a draft CIP to submit for the Planning Board's consideration and adoption. The adopted CIP was then submitted to the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen for their consideration in the annual budget process.

The year ended as it began with the Planning Board crafting amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to be considered by ballot vote at the 2003 Town Meeting. The amendments follow recommendations from the 1998 Master Plan and address issues encountered by the Zoning Administrator. The major initiatives include: an impact fee ordinance proposal; revisions to the Home Occupation/Home Business provisions; and a provision giving the Planning Board the authority to require environmentally sound measures through the subdivision process for new lots created in the Shore Land Overlay District (*see insert of proposed zoning amendments*).

The Planning Board continues to be pleased that the Town has hired a Zoning Administrator, Peter Stanley, to provide guidance to those complying with the Zoning Ordinance and with our subdivision and site plan review approvals. The Planning Board also appreciates the coordination, communication and participation in the planning process by the Town Administrator, Jessie Levine, and by the department heads who participate in our bi-weekly review of the Planning Board agenda: Richard Lee, David Seastrand, Peter Stanley, Ann Beardsley, Bob Nelson, and Don Bent. This year was the 16th year of planning services provided to the community by Ken McWilliams as part of the Regional Planning Commission's Circuit Rider Planner Program. The Planning Board continues to be appreciative of Ken's guidance on planning issues, hard work and dependability.

As always, the Planning Board is very thankful for the effort expended by the many people who assisted the Planning Board in its activities throughout the year. Your participation, inquiries and insights are invaluable and most appreciated. The Planning Board generally meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. All of the Planning Board meetings are open to the public and we always welcome your participation and input in the process of guiding the future growth of our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen E. Ebel, Chair, Planning Board

INFORMATION BOOTH

2002 was a busy year for the New London-Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce, which operates the New London Information Booth. More than 2,800 people requested information about our area, and over half of those people entered or called the Information Booth during the summer months.

Along with the “typical” requests – information on local businesses, places to go, upcoming events, hiking and biking maps, summer concert schedules, times for church services – were a few out of the ordinary: a postcard for a grandson’s school project; a golf cart for a girl with epilepsy to attend a local summer camp; the weather forecast for “snowbirds” returning to New London. One woman even had a old painting of a local house that she wanted to give to the people who now own the house. We try to answer all questions, sometimes calling on local authorities or doing Internet research. We sold hundreds of tickets to the Summer Music Associates concert series and KAT Co. performances (things got really busy the day before a concert). These services are not just for out-of-town visitors, but for people who live right here and just can’t find what they’re looking for, or want to buy a ticket ahead of the crowd, or have company visiting and don’t know where to take them for a good time.

The Town of New London gives us money toward summer staffing at the Information Booth, but membership dollars are the main source of funding for the Chamber of Commerce. We hold a few fundraisers each year, including the Chocolate Fest in March, the Black Fly Open golf tournament in May, and the Reindeer Run 5K road race in December. The Chamber hopes to merge with the Sunapee PTO in 2003 to co-sponsor the annual late-summer Chowder Fest in Sunapee Harbor.

We sponsor events that provide a service for the community, including the Santa parade and photos with Santa in early December, and the annual Button Walk that raises money for the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association’s Well Child Program. We participate in the New London Hospital Auxiliary’s Festival of Trees each winter and sponsor a Red Cross Bloodmobile each spring.

Another service we provide is an information booth at the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen’s Fair each August. For the entire week, Chamber members and their families volunteer to sit in the booth at Mount Sunapee, giving attendees information about where to eat, how to get back to the highway, local sites to see when they’re done looking at the wares for sale. More than 300 people were recorded as visiting the booth this year, but we know many more took informational brochures without signing in.

Again this year we were privileged to receive grant money from the state Department of Travel & Tourism to publicize our region to potential visitors from other regions of the state as well as from other states. The tourism dollars this generates helps keep our business community thriving. One of our most important jobs is getting the word out about all the events happening throughout our region each year. Our Winter Information Guides are still available at many locations, but we are already assembling information for our Summer Information Guide. If your organization is planning an event for any time of the year, please contact the Chamber office to get the event listed in our calendar. This information goes on our website and in our Information Guides, and is sent to state websites and a multitude of publications throughout the state.

One of our goals for 2003 is to see a new Information Booth on Main Street. The existing building has no insulation, one baseboard heater, no restroom, and many other health and safety issues. The plan is to construct a building in a similar saltbox style but somewhat deeper, with a basement for storage and a handicap accessible restroom. We will still be able to put up the Tomie de Paola-designed Christmas Village that is a delight to town residents as well as visitors. This will give the Chamber a permanent office rather than having to move to winter quarters each year. We have gone before the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board on this issue, and we are starting a fund for donations. Anyone interested in helping with the project – planning, building or donating – should contact Marybeth Angeli at 526-2955.

We have a multitude of people to thank for their help this year, but I won't name them all for fear of boring the reader and leaving someone out. But I do need to single out the New London Garden Club, without whose members we would not have the beauty that surrounds the Information Booth spring, summer and fall. Thank you, ladies, for your time, your green thumbs and your kind words when you poke your heads through the door twice a week.

The Chamber of Commerce holds its monthly meetings at 8 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month at alternating locations. If you would be interested in joining the Chamber or attending a meeting, please contact me for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorie McClory

Information Director

New London-Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce

526-6575 chamberinfo@nhvt.net

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NEW LONDON GARDEN CLUB

With just over 200 members, the New London Garden Club is a very active organization that contributes greatly to the beautification of the town. One hundred members participated in the Civic Beautification Program in 2002, planting, tending, and watering at 19 locations in New London through a very hot, dry, and difficult growing season. Other garden club projects included the annual Antique Show and Sale, our only fundraising event; patient flower care at New London Hospital; a flower and plant booth on Hospital Day; weekly volunteering at the gardens of The Fells; gift books and tapes to the schools and Tracy Library; over 50 wreaths made for public buildings; botanical decorations for a tree at the hospital Festival of Trees; and scholarships to four students at the University of New Hampshire.

For many years, both the Garden Club and the Friends of Tracy Library have been interested in restoring the beautiful Olmsted Brothers-designed garden that Jane Tracy gave to the town when she gave the library building in the 1920's. In March of 2002, the Library and the Garden Club launched a fundraising campaign, "Partners in Restoration," for the purpose of restoring this important landmark. Tremendous interest in the project brought just over \$100,000, in mostly memorial gifts, allowing us to do all of the preparation of the grounds and much of the planting all in one year.

Using the original plan, a new site plan was made, taking into account the large addition to the Library. The original plant lists from the Olmsted Archives are being used, as is the correspondence between Jane Tracy and Olmsted Brothers that we got from the Library of Congress. In the fall, 100 lilac bushes were planted in their original location. Then a group of Community Garden Volunteers (Garden Club members and others) planted 800 perennials, 4,000 spring bulbs and many of the shrubs in the shade garden. In the spring, the rose garden will be planted, and additional shrubs and flowers will be planted in other beds.

The year 2003 is the 75th year of both the New London Garden Club and the Community Garden at Tracy Library, making us wonder if Dr. Anna Littlefield founded the Garden Club to help take care of Jane Tracy's extraordinary gift to what was then a small country town.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Little

President

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The UVLSRPC is a nonprofit, voluntary association of 30 communities in New Hampshire and Vermont. Our service area is based on clusters of communities united by a long history of employment, transportation and education connections as well as by other issues of common concern. We serve the towns of the Lake Sunapee area, Sullivan County, and the Upper Valley. Each year we strive to focus on activities that will best meet the needs of each of these three areas, while we balance the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Your community's membership in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in both regional and statewide decision-making that affects the future of your community.

We provide the communities of the region with a mechanism to work together toward balanced growth, in part by developing and implementing a comprehensive regional plan. In 2002, we began an update of the UVLSRPC Regional Plan, incorporating and responding to what we have learned from 2002 Census data and the Upper Valley Housing Needs Analysis. Among other activities, we:

- ❑ Worked with area organizations and businesses to increase awareness of the serious housing shortage in the Upper Valley, and worked with communities to address the problem.
- ❑ Helped several communities obtain grant funds for a variety of projects, including planning for economic development, protection of watersheds, wildlife habitat, scenic resources and agricultural land, and building visitor facilities and bikepaths.
- ❑ Provided guidance to the Sullivan County Economic Development Council on organizational issues; explored a possible new partnership with the North Country Economic Development District for Grafton County communities; continued work on the East-Central Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in partnership with Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation to ensure business growth meets the needs of our communities; and helped launch the Eastern Vermont Gateway Regional Marketing Organization to support tourism in the Upper Valley.
- ❑ Assisted 11 communities with updates of their master plans and 10 with local land use regulations.
- ❑ Utilized special-purpose grants to develop a plan for Hartford's Route 5 South corridor that balances resource protection and industrial development goals; for Hartland's Three Corners area that improves the safety of the pedestrian and bicycle circulation; and for the areas surrounding Hartland's Interstate 91 interchange to maintain scenic vistas while facilitating appropriate development.
- ❑ Continued our assistance to watershed organizations planning for the stewardship of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, including the Sugar River, Cold River, Mascoma River and Lull's Brook.
- ❑ Organized four hazardous waste collections that gave 805 households a way to keep approximately 9,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater.
- ❑ Began re-addressing in Claremont to improve emergency response; completed hazard mitigation plans in Lebanon and Enfield, and arranged funding to complete six more in the coming year, as well as integrate those in the core Upper Valley communities.
- ❑ Participated in the review of several proposed developments with potential regional impacts including the expansion of the Mt. Sunapee ski area, a proposed new boat ramp on Lake Sunapee, the new visitors' center and Vermont Institute for Natural Science museum at Quechee Gorge, and several telecommunications towers in our Connecticut River valley communities.
- ❑ Collected traffic data in 20 communities, and mapped new roads in 14 communities to qualify for state aid for maintenance.
- ❑ Continued to work with public transit providers serving the area's residents, employees, and visitors to identify opportunities to improve service using currently available funds, and to prioritize needs for additional funding.
- ❑ Provided monthly circuit rider services to five communities to review subdivision and site plan applications for compliance with local regulations.
- ❑ Held 12 training sessions for local officials on land use regulations, natural resource protection, and the National Flood Insurance Program.

- Responded to day-to-day requests from local boardmembers and staff for guidance on many issues, including: improvements for roads and intersections, unmaintained road policies, management of excavations, preservation of historic resources, future school enrollment projections, capital improvement programming and impact fees, interpretation of local land use regulations, hiring consultants, and planning and zoning board procedures.
- Continued to increase the ability of our geographic information system (GIS) to perform land use analysis and natural resource planning; provided GIS services to 21 communities and partner organizations.
- Maintained a library with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations; incorporated 2000 Census information into a new digital regional socioeconomic profile as it became available; and responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, and other area organizations.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in the coming years. We count on feedback from the Commissioners appointed by each community, and from local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or info@uvlsrpc.org to share your thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara E. Bamford
 Executive Director

SEWER COMMISSION

During 2002, the Sewer Commission continued its commitment to providing continuous cost-effective service to its users. Provision of this service has been accomplished through the development of a long-term replacement/rehabilitation program. Each year major upgrades have been achieved without significant increases in the user fees.

2002 had a very DRY SUMMER SEASON, but ended with an early snowfall. The New London Sewer flow to the Sunapee Treatment Plant was not out of the ordinary for the year. A dry season does not decrease sewer usage for the sewer system.

The Sewer Commission continues to offer a meter program for outside water usage for gardening or lawn watering. It involves purchasing a second meter from the Commission and having it installed by a licensed plumber. The Sewer Commission has found in the past that extensive gardens and/or leaking toilets generally cause excessive water consumption.

The Sunapee and New London Sewer Commissions usually meet once a month with each other. This has kept the lines of communication open and active with concerns and issues that have developed throughout the year. To assist with metering flow for both Towns, meters were improved at both the Georges Mills Pump Station and the Sunapee Library metering vault.

The Commission completed an addition to the existing building off South Pleasant Street which allows for much needed space for administrative use and Commission meetings. Improvements to the original building began during construction of the addition. The Commission usually meets twice a month, on Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Your comments and suggestions are helpful to the Commission to serve the users and community better.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin F. Cook, Chair
Richard J. Birch
F. Augustus Seamans

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee has completed a full year of work in developing the budget for presentation to the voters. Committee activities began in July with a review of the year-to-date expenditures and a discussion of the process that would be followed to develop the 2003 budget. Over the course of the budget building season, the Budget Committee held ten formal meetings, including a special "follow-up" meeting with the Conservation Commission and the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust to fully explore the rationale for the request of the Commission for a \$75,000 allocation to a capital reserve fund.

The Committee also participated in the annual updating of the Capital Improvement Plan. Committee members Doug Baxter and Sue Jesseman served as representatives to the CIP subcommittee, a joint venture of the Budget Committee and Planning Board, in this important process.

In addition to multiple meetings with department heads, the Committee also conducted a one-day program of visits to various town facilities. This enabled Committee members to clearly understand the pressures and resulting requests for budget items that were produced during the process.

As a result of the constructive collaboration with the selectboard and department heads, the Budget Committee believes that it has produced a budget that combines responsible spending for current needs with a substantial commitment to funding reserves that will be used to smooth budget impact over future years for the Town of New London.

This effort has been completed in a constructive and collaborative fashion. Particular acknowledgment should be made to Selectperson Sue Clough, for her careful and sensitive representation, and to the staff work provided by Jessie Levine, Carol Fraley and Sarah Denz.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert A. Foose

Chair

CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Town of New London has three cemeteries within its boundaries: Elkins, Old Main Street and West Part. All three are active and have lots available at the current price of \$200/single lot. They are maintained under the direction of the Road Agent, Richard Lee. This year we were fortunate to have sextons John Wiltshire maintaining Old Main Street and West Part and Doug Palmer in Elkins. They did an excellent job in keeping the grounds safe and attractive for people visiting the cemeteries. There were 28 interments in New London cemeteries during 2002.

In September the Commission lost a long time member with the death of Walt Chadwick. Walt had served on the Commission for more than 30 years, and his wealth of knowledge about the history of the cemeteries and local families will be missed. We welcome Tom Ginter who has graciously agreed to fill the vacancy until Town Meeting in March of 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles M. Hafner, Chair

Marion C. Hafner

Thomas A. Ginter

Cemetery Commissioners

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment met ten times during the year 2002. The following report reflects a summary of the cases heard.

May 8, 2002

Norman S. and Elizabeth A. Lindsay and Francis K. and Judith W. Duffy requested an Appeal of an Administrative Decision of the Planning Board's February 12, 2002 decision to the terms of Article I - Preamble, Article II-General Provisions, Section 15, Article III, Sections 3-5. The Planning Board granted a Site Plan Review for a Home Business application for Damian and Lynn Petry on property located at 172 Route 11 (Tax Map 122-017-000) in the ARR zone, to conduct a seamless gutter business at their residence. **DENIED**

May 22, 2002

James Ward of the Equity Group requested an appeal of an Administrative Decision expressed in the January 31, 2002 letter from Town Administrator Jessie W. Levine. This letter was in response to an inquiry from Attorney Michael L. Donovan concerning whether the Planning Board may waive any of the parking requirements set forth in the Site Plan Review Regulations and remain in compliance with the provisions of Article VII, Section C(1) of the New London Zoning Ordinances. In addition, whether an otherwise permitted business use which does not conform to the parking requirements of the Zoning Ordinance (Article II, Section 2), is a non-conforming use (Article III Definitions, Section 80) and therefore, whether the expansion of such a use without the provision of additional parking violates the zoning ordinance prohibition against the expansion of a non-conforming use (Article XX, Legal Nonconforming Uses, Section A,2.). This complaint related to property owned by Debra Perkins Trust (New London Agency), located at 168 Main Street (Tax Map 084-068-000) in the Commercial District and a waiver of the requirement for a Site Plan Review given by the Planning Board in May of 1998. **DENIED**

June 6, 2002

Beth Hoyt-Flewelling, representing Stepping Stones School, requested a Special Exception to the terms of Article XXI, Section G.4.g. of the New London Zoning Regulations to move their nursery/preschool from its present location at the First Baptist Church, while church renovations are completed over the next year. They propose to hold classes at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church during that construction. Per Article XXI, Section G.4.g this use is only allowed by Special Exception. This property is located at 15 Gould Road (Tax Map 084-093-000) in the R-1 Zone. **GRANTED**

Jesseman Associates, P.C., representing Colby-Sawyer College, requested a Special Exception to the terms of Article XXI, Section G.4.m. & Article XIII, Section E.2 of the New London Zoning Regulations to construct a stormwater detention pond within a wetland buffer area near Susan's Swamp on the main college campus. The detention pond would be constructed in conjunction with the improvement and expansion of campus parking facilities adjacent to the Dan & Kathleen Hogan Sports Center. This property is located at 100 Main Street (Tax Map 085-033-000) in the Institutional Zone. **GRANTED**

July 22, 2002

John Dietel, Trustee of the Shaw Herrick Cove Trust (Ayers) requested a Variance to the terms of Article VI, Section C.1 and Article XVI, Section H.2 of the New London Zoning Regulations to add a 24' x 26' two bay garage 6'7" from the property line within the 20' sideyard setback. . This property is located at 26 Herrick Cove Lane (Tax Map 091-021-000) in the ARR zone. **DENIED**

A second variance was sought by John Dietel to attach the main house to the existing garage structure by a 12' long walkway in line with the existing foundations. This walkway would fall within in the 50' setback from the high water mark. **APPROVED**

Jonathan Ohler requested a variance to the terms of Article VI, Section A of the New London Zoning Regulations to operate his construction and materials business at 172 King Hill Road (Tax Map 129-027-00 and 129-028-000) in the ARR zone. **GRANTED** with the stipulation that he appear before the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission for their review of the scope of his operations.

July 29, 2002

Deirdre M. Sheerr Revocable Trust and the Martin L. Gross Revocable Trust requested a Special Exception to the terms of Article XIII, Wetlands Conservation Overlay District, Section E.1 and Article XIV, Steep Slope Overlay District, Section D, in order to create a new driveway. This property is located at 218 Little Sunapee Road (Tax Map 030-028-000) in the Conservation/R2 districts. Conditionally **GRANTED** that after installation of the driveway, Lots 1 and 2 will be annexed.

Peter Shanks and Julia Brisbane requested a Variance to the terms of Article XX, Section B.3.b to substantially improve a structure with less than the required front yard setback per Article V, Section C.1 and less than the required setback from a stream in the Streams Overlay District per Article XXII, Section E.1 on property located at 7 Sherman Street in Elkins (Tax Map 078-004-000) in the R1 district. **GRANTED** with the stipulation that erosion control be monitored by the Conservation Commission during construction and meet the required standards of that Commission.

August 12, 2002

Blakeman Engineering, representing James & Dorothea Bewley, requested a Special Exception to the terms of Article XIII, Section E.1 of the New London Zoning Regulations. The applicant needed to cross a wetland with a new waterline as part of Phase I of the Great Pines Subdivision on property located on Newport Road (Tax Map 059-013-000) in the R2 zone. **GRANTED**

Blakeman Engineering, representing Harry M. Snow III, requested a Special Exception to the terms of Article XIII, Section E.1 of the New London Zoning Regulations to cross a wetland with a new road and utilities on property located off of Everett Park Extension (Tax Map 073-016-000 and 073-017-000) in the R1 zone. **GRANTED**

August 26, 2002

Blakeman Engineering, representing Clara and Patricia Cantor, requested a Special Exception to the terms of Article XIII, Section G.1 and Article XIII, Section G.3 of the New London Zoning Regulations to replace a culvert within a seasonal stream. The present culvert needs to be replaced for safety and to increase the capacity of the culvert. The second request was to reduce the depth of the 100' stream buffer along a seasonal stream to approximately 25' on property located off Lakeshore Drive (Tax Map 037-008-000) in the Forest Conservation District. **GRANTED**

September 23, 2002

Robert & Marie-France Bunting requested a Variance to the terms of Article V, Section C.2 and Article XX, Sections B.3.b of the New London Zoning Regulations to largely remove the present home and erect a new home outside the footprint of the former home and in the sideyard setback on property located at 24 Murray Pond Road (Tax Map 045-006-000) in the R2 zone. **DENIED**

Patricia and John Harris requested a Variance to the terms of Article XVI, Sections C.2 and F.2.b of the New London Zoning Regulations for the perimeter drain to be in the 50' setback from the high water mark on Messer Pond on property located on Little Cove Road, (Tax Map 105-003-000) in the R2/ARR district. **GRANTED**

Susan Rowett requested an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement per Article XXI, Section H as in 2000 their barn was erected 40' from the front property line instead of the required 50' per Article V Section C.2 on property located at 10 Seamans Road, (Tax Map 098-008-000) in the ARR zone. **GRANTED**

October 28, 2002

Pellettieri Associates, Inc., representing Jay and Gabi Wilson, requested a Variance to the terms of Article XVI, Section C.2 to restore approximately 25' of eroding shoreline and create a wide, aged granite stairway providing access to a proposed seasonal dock within the 50' shoreland buffer zone on property located at 3 Sunset Shores (Tax Map 103-025-000) in the R2 zone. **GRANTED** subject to obtaining a State wetland permit and following erosion control measures per documents Pellettieri Associates, Inc. submitted as part of their appeal

Jay and Gabi Wilson requested a Special Exception to the terms of Article XIII, Section E.2 for relief from Article XIII, Section F.1 to allow a septic system to be installed within the 75' setback from a wetland on their property located at 3 Sunset Shores (Tax Map 103-025-000) in the R2 Zone. **GRANTED** subject to State septic approval.

Pellettieri Associates, Inc., representing Robert & Marie-France Bunting, requested a Variance to the terms of Article V, Section C.2 and Article XX, Sections B.3.b of the New London Zoning Regulations to replace their existing home with a new structure that would not meet the current setback regulations on their property located at 24 Murray Pond Road (Tax Map 045-006-000) in the R2 zone. **GRANTED**

December 30, 2002

Lakeside Lodge, Inc. appealed the Administrative Decision of the Board of Selectmen made on November 6, 2002. The Board of Selectmen ruled that Lakeside Lodge, Inc. had not proven a non-conforming use of the land and boat docks located on Route 103A (Tax Map 080-005-000 and 080-006-000) which violates Article XVI, Section D.3 of the New London Zoning Regulations. **GRANTED**

Robert C. Stewart, d.b.a. RCS Designs represented Margaret Weathers for a Special Exception to the terms of Article XXII, Section D.2 under Article XXII, Section G.3. The applicants were requesting a 30' reduction in the depth of the natural woodland buffer to allow for placement of a home on property located on Meadow Lane (Lot 6), Tax Map 093-011-000 in the Agricultural/Conservation zone. **GRANTED** only for the area between Reference Point 1 and Benchmark 1 on RCS Designs plans dated 11/22/02.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Ballin, Chair
Zoning Board of Adjustment

WELFARE OFFICER

I am beginning my sixth year as your town Welfare Officer. Even though there seems to have been a downturn in the economy, it has not had a significant effect on the number of requests that we've received this year. As in previous years, the requests that were made have been for short-term assistance. I have been able, in other cases, to refer potential recipients to both state and federal assistance programs that were more appropriate for their needs.

I continue to believe that the money you allocate at Town Meeting for welfare assistance is fairly spent. Though I am spending the town's money, I feel a sense of personal gratification in being able to help those who, through no fault of their own, need assistance.

Thank you again for your support for this very worthwhile program.

Respectfully submitted,
Marc Clement
Welfare Officer

KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. (KCOA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 with the mission of providing needed services and programs for area citizens over the age of 55 (and adults who through disability may need assistance) thus enhancing the quality of their lives. Its service area includes the towns of Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton and Wilmot. With the exception of day and overnight trips, KCOA charges no program or activity fees and provides free membership to all who are eligible. As of December 2002, KCOA had approximately 1600 members.

The past year has been an important one in KCOA'S history. On September 14, 2002, KCOA celebrated its 10th birthday with a party on the New London common attended by more than 200 people. What started in a small office in August 1992 by founders Phebe Downey, Julie Farnham and a few dedicated volunteers, had at the end of its first decade become a thriving organization with 300 volunteers managing more than 30 distinct programs and services that help our area seniors remain independent and contributing members of the Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Area Community.

Our programs continue to grow in number and attendance. The Computer Workshop remains active year round, making constant use of the eight new Dell computers so generously donated this past summer. Memoir Writing courses and book discussion groups are fully subscribed. The Outdoor Recreation for Seniors (ORFS) program with 70 participants continues to meet weekly for hikes, canoeing, kayaking, snowshoeing and, best of all, the enjoyment of each other's company. The weekly get-togethers for duplicate and contract bridge, scrabble, cribbage and other games as well as the crafts and indoor exercise programs are all well attended.

During 2002, KCOA'S volunteer drivers provided more than 40,000 miles of free door-to-door rides. All of these trips were important in enhancing some senior's life. But it should be noted that many were critical. The KCOA volunteer drivers were in many cases the only means that some of our members had to get to Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Concord hospitals for dialysis, radiation, chemotherapy and other vital treatments. KCOA is very proud of its volunteer drivers and believes the regional community owes them a vote of thanks.

On the occasion of its 10th birthday, KCOA announced that it had acquired the right to purchase the 4,800 sq. ft. office building at 5 North Pleasant Street in New London. By obtaining the right to buy this property, KCOA ended a two-year search for a new KCOA center. In November 2002, KCOA started the first phase of a \$1,000,000 Building Fund Campaign through which the Council hopes to purchase the building and establish a fund for its future maintenance. Early indications are that the campaign has an excellent chance of success. The move to these new quarters, planned for the second half of 2003, will allow KCOA to continue to fulfill its mission of enriching the lives of area seniors for many years to come.

KCOA appreciates very much the annual grants by which each town administration supports the work of the Council. KCOA also would like to acknowledge all of the individuals, businesses, civic organizations and foundations that respond so generously to KCOA's annual appeal for operating funds. KCOA considers it a privilege to serve all of our communities and thanks all of you for the generosity that allows us to carry on our work.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Zanes

Chairman

LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association has the opportunity on a daily basis to make a real difference in our community and to provide services that are significant. We try to strengthen your ability to achieve what is valuable to you through our highly skilled clinical services, the caring touch of our staff and volunteers, through our technology, our health education, and our support programs.

We know that home care keeps families together . . . there is no more important social value. We know that home care helps preserve the independence of the elderly and prevents or postpones institutionalization. Home care promotes healing, provides support and symptom management for the dying, and allows acutely and chronically ill children to be at home, and sometimes even to continue to attend school.

During the past year all of us at Lake Sunapee Region VNA worked to ensure that we carried out our mission to collaborate with physicians and others to provide needed home health and hospice services that preserve dignity and independence; and to sponsor a work environment of excellence for our employees.

Medicare and private insurance companies continue to focus on decreasing costs to control government spending and to keep premiums affordable. This is a difficult task that puts additional burdens on health care providers daily. We also face increasing staff shortages, especially in nursing. In order to deal with this reality, Lake Sunapee Region VNA continued to invest in technology that allowed us to become more efficient. Technology investments ranged from monitoring units in the home, to personal emergency response units, to laptop technology for the staff that makes documenting care and complying with regulations more efficient. We also invested in training our staff to ensure that they have the most up to date skills and competencies to meet the ever-changing demands in the home. Finally, we partnered with other organizations to develop new models of care such as our *Bringing Children Home* project. This initiative links five home care agencies with other providers to develop systems and skills that will allow us to care for very sick children and keep them at home with their families as much as possible. One father stated, "your services allowed us to be a family again."

We hope that if you or someone you know received care during the past year from Lake Sunapee Region VNA that it was a service that had value to you and your family. Following is a list of a few of the community benefit services we provided for residents of your community:

- Caregiver Training programs
- Adult and Children's Bereavement Support
- Health Education Programs
- Parent-Child Support Group
- Administration of the Lifeline Program
- Daily monitoring of acutely and chronically ill patients through telemedicine
- Mentoring of student nurses, licensed nursing assistants and therapists
- Medications for low income children
- Site for Kearsarge Food Pantry
- Meeting space for outside groups
- File of Life kits and emergency preparedness teaching for each patient
- Hospice Volunteer Training

During the past year 1569 residents of New London utilized our services. Adults and children needing home care and hospice services received 2685 visits. In addition, people needing long-term assistance received 11,205 hours of care. Lifeline monitoring was provided for 49 people, and 35 residents used our HomMed vital sign monitoring program. We are grateful for the loyal support of our towns, individual and business donors. You make it possible for us to continue our mission in this community.

Respectfully,

Andrea Steel

President and CEO



NEW LONDON HOSPITAL

Capable. Caring. Close.

To Our Patients, Neighbors and Friends:

New London Hospital met many challenges in 2002. Facing a significant deficit from operations and a change in management leadership, the Board of Trustees charged an interim management team from Helms & Company to stabilize the financial operations, review all the services provided by the hospital, recruit more primary care physicians, and determine the most effective partnership for the sustainability of our community hospital.

The end of 2002 brought many important developments for New London Hospital. While the fiscal year that ended on September 30, 2002 resulted in a loss from operations, the next three months saw significant improvements in cost containment. Hospital Days brought thousands of residents and visitors to the New London Town Common over three days, and raised over \$40,000 to support the hospital child care center that also serves community members. The hospital has applied for Critical Access Hospital designation that could bring improved reimbursement for all hospital Medicare services. The Board of Trustees entered into discussions for a relationship with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Memorial Hospital and formally disaffiliated from Capital Regional Health Care. A new primary care physician established her practice in New London. Attendance at Hospital Town Hall Meetings in August and October reflected the deep interest and commitment of the residents in the future of New London Hospital.

As New London Hospital enters its 86th year, we are very aware of its importance as a health resource to the community and we are committed to sustaining this resource. The hospital Board of Trustees, management and staff face many challenges in 2003 and strongly believe that we have taken some decisive actions already to ensure that New London Hospital will continue to provide quality patient care for years to come.

<i>Jeffrey G. White, FACHE</i> Interim President and CEO	<i>Douglas O'Mara, MD</i> Medical Staff President	<i>G. William Helm, Jr.</i> Chairman of the Board
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Community Benefits Summary

New London Hospital, in compliance with the State of New Hampshire Community Benefits Law, filed the following documents with the Attorney General's office on 12/31/2002, and they are available for public viewing and comment.

- Executive Summary
- Community Benefits Plan Reporting Form
- New London Hospital Community Benefits Plan for Fiscal Year 2003 (10/1/2002-9/30/2003)
- Community Benefit Activities Undertaken by New London Hospital in Fiscal Year 2002 (10/1/2001-9/30/2002)
- Community Needs Assessment

Public input is an integral part of the entire assessment and planning process, and New London Hospital has worked very closely with community members and organizations to make that happen. These are not static documents, but working plans to be used by the hospital and our communities in the months ahead. Therefore, public input is encouraged at any time during the year.

Comments or requests for copies of any of these documents should be directed to Bona Hayes in the Office of Development and Community Affairs at 603.526.5270 or bona.hayes@nlh.crhc.org. Three of the documents--the Executive Summary, Community Benefits Plan for Fiscal Year 2003 and the Community Benefit Activities Undertaken in Fiscal Year 2002--can be viewed on the hospital's web site at www.newlondonhospital.org.

Category	Description	Unreimbursed Cost FY2002	Estimated Cost FY2003
Charity Care	Health care services to individuals who cannot afford to pay	\$ 255,778	\$ 275,000
Community Services	Classes, education for K-12 students, health fairs, lectures, screenings, support groups, women's health programs, paramedic intercept program, etc	30,319	32,000
Medical Education	Continuing education, financial assistance for individuals to advance in the health care field, internships for college and vo-tech students	55,480	82,500
Subsidized Health Services	Services needed by the community, which operate at a loss, such as ABC's day care, ambulance and primary care	2,314,534	1,825,000
Cash/In-kind	Ambulance coverage at community events, coordination of ARCH and needs assessment process, support of school-based health center, role in disaster preparedness, support of Rock Dental Clinic, Smoke Free Coalition, etc.	85,888	88,000
Total		\$2,741,999	\$2,302,500



Photo by Debbie Cross

Fall harvest at Spring Ledge Farm, Main Street.

NEW LONDON HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

As stated in their mission, the Auxiliary strives to promote the health and well being of the New London community. They accomplish this by rendering service and financial assistance to the New London Hospital. In 2002 over \$70,000 was raised and turned over to the hospital to support the ABC's Child Care Center at the hospital, the renovation of the Newport Health Center and various smaller requests. In addition, the Auxiliary provided scholarships for high school seniors and New London Hospital employees who are majoring in the health care field. Financial aid is offered to employees in need whose children are enrolled in the ABC's Child Care Program.

This support was possible due to the hard work of many volunteers participating in several projects: rummage sales twice a year; pillow rentals at the Barn Playhouse; Easy Aces Bridge Tournament; Hospital Days sales (Books, Jewelry, White Elephant); baked goods, knitted items, Festival of Trees, Tina Cricenti Golf Tournament. Auxiliary volunteers also helped with Christmas and birthday parties at the Clough Center and assisted at the September Bloodmobile.

This year a new Auxiliary event is taking place in front of the Town Office Building: The Tree of Lights. For a modest donation, a light is lit in honor or in memory of a special person in one's life. The honored persons' names are entered in a book displayed in the reception area of the Hospital. The tree was lit the first part of December and will shine throughout the Holiday Season. The Auxiliary would like to thank **Log Cabin Nursery** for donating the tree, **the New London Highway Department** for putting up and stabilizing the tree, and the **New London Fire Department** for stringing the lights. Their help was invaluable.

A Designers Showhouse is in the planning stage, to benefit the Rock Dental Clinic, a project of the Hospital, which provides dental screening and care instruction to the area school children.

All of these projects and services require countless hours of work on the part of many volunteers. Their dedication and willingness to give of their time and talents enabled the Auxiliary to help the New London Hospital achieve its goal of quality service to the New London area community.

Respectively Submitted,

Deirdre Segerson

President 2002

KEARSARGE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Over the past twenty-six years, the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program has been the focal point of social service delivery in this area, providing help when needed to the income eligible and elderly, as well as to the community at large.

As perhaps you are aware, Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. generates funds through the mobilization of available federal, state and local monies. Support for the local Area Center is derived from a combination of federal appropriations and local tax dollars. This combination allows the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program to provide a variety of services to the residents of your community, from the development of programs that meet local needs, to outreach, referral and direct assistance.

The staff of the Kearsarge Valley Area Center wish to thank you and the Town of New London for your support in the past. With your continued interest, we will be able to continue to provide needed services to the members of your community.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Chellis

Kearsarge Valley Area Center

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

The University of New Hampshire, Cooperative Extension is your local link to practical, research-based education to people of all ages, helping them make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities, sustain natural resources, forests, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy.

Merrimack County residents benefit from a wide range of Extension offerings, which include 4-H and youth development programs, monitoring water quality in lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low income families, strengthening our communities and developing a strong volunteer base while providing a wide range of information to citizens. Extension also offers the public an outreach hotline with a toll-free Family, Home & Garden Info Line, staffed Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm (1-877-398-4769) and it handled a total of 1,198 requests from Merrimack County residents.

Extension staff provide education to forest landowners, food producers and plant growers that help keep their enterprises profitable, thus preserving open space and protecting natural resources. Many studies show that open space helps keep property taxes low, as it places few demands on taxpayers for services. Extension also provides assistance to town planners and boards on zoning issues related to marketing from roadside stands, garden centers, pick-your-own operations, and best management practices for the production of agricultural crops and livestock.

A major statewide Extension initiative, Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, has impacted Merrimack County. Extension staff have worked with the communities in a variety of ways. Several Merrimack County towns have participated in Extension's exciting *Community Profile* process. This past fall, a Community Profile was completed in Hooksett. A Community Profile is a tool to help community members create a vision about what they want their community to be like, and then forms action groups to reach those goals. In addition Cooperative Extension provides publication notebooks for all town libraries. The Extension currently provides weekly radio spots on WKXL that offer information to the communities throughout the County. Extension information can also be obtained from the Web at ceinfo.unh.edu. Follow-up support is available from UNH Cooperative Extension staff.

Other community efforts include after school programs, teen assessment projects, wellness teams, town office visits, the Master Gardener program, working with town officials to make sure local ordinances are "agriculture-friendly" and assisting schools with maintenance of athletic fields and landscaped areas.

The staff in Merrimack County includes nine Extension educators, two state specialists and three support staff. Educators reach approximately one of every four families in the county.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Fleury

County Office Administrator

2002 New London Graduates

Last Name	First Name
Andrews	Nicholas
Armento	Ryan
Barton	Jillian
Brown	Erica
Carroll	Erin
Cox	Parker
DiLorenzo	James
Ehrbar	Rachel
Feingold	Benjamin
Fucarile	Kristen
Garvey	Coral
Green	Thomas
Jacobson	Steven
Kiely	Robert
Lindamood	Jilian
Ohler	Nathan
Redding	Andria
Rego	Tanya
Reyelt	Valerie
Sanders	Eric
Smith	Kellie
Snow	Lauren
Snyder	Justin
Toy	Patrick



2002 MARRIAGES

Date	Groom's Name/Residence	Bride's Name/Residence
02/23/02	Nikola Brodich New London	Lisa Gooding New London
03/30/02	Sydney L. Crook New London	Betty W. Browne New London
05/18/02	Thomas E. Ripley Bristol, CT	Lynn M. Pons New London
05/25/02	Brian C. Bergquist New London	Chelsey M. Wieder New London
06/29/02	Peter G. Phippen New London	Wendy L. Gilker New London
06/29/02	Scott D. Peckham Andover, MA	Christine S. Preston Andover, MA
07/06/02	Patrick J. Lynam Longmeadow, MA	Pamela L. McCabe Longmeadow, MA
07/06/02	Nathan M. Walker New London	Kathryn R. Sebring New London
07/13/02	Gavin Scott Hapgood Boston, MA	Kallie D. Buehler Boston, MA
07/20/02	Jeffrey G. Knowles Sausalito, CA	Susan S. Cleveland Sausalito, CA
07/20/02	William W. Oswald Somerville, MA	Audrey Heather Eliassen Somerville, MA
07/20/02	Christopher G. Stoneman Lebanon	Roberta Baldwin-Hamilton New London
07/21/02	Don G. Ferraro Louisville, CO	Janet M. Eckensberger New London
07/27/02	John M. Trovato E. Sandwich, MA	Eleanor P. Bassick E. Sandwich, MA
08/03/02	David Todd Beardsley New London, CT	Jessica Marie Allen New London, CT
08/10/02	Douglas L. Gay New London	Joanna B. Sumner Andover

2002 MARRIAGES

Date	Groom's Name/Residence	Bride's Name/Residence
08/10/02	Edward C. Kinzer, Jr. New London	Tamra L. Barnes New London
09/07/02	James S. Wassell Sunapee	Ellen M. Croteau Newbury
09/07/02	Herbert E. Lyon Boston, MA	Margaret A Cunningham Boston, MA
09/14/02	Donal R. Miller, Jr. Elkins	Mary A. MacDonald Elkins
09/28/02	Martin R. Turner III Marlborough Twnshp, PA	Jane E. Robertson Marlborough Twnshp, PA
11/08/02	James L. Wilson Burlington, NJ	Sarah Hopkins Defoe New London



Photo by Richard Lee

Mill Pond Dam before 2002 repairs.

BIRTHS 2002

Date	Name	Parents' Names
January 4, 2002	Jenna Leigh Bears	Sean & Leigh Bears
January 7, 2002	Courtney Kidder Goodwin	Scott & Jennifer Goodwin
January 21, 2002	Millie Isabell Stone	Mitchell & Nicole Stone
January 31, 2002	Lawrence Craven Holdsworth V	Lawrence C. IV & Suzy Holdsworth
February 12, 2002	Kenneth David Carey	David & Anne Carey
February 17, 2002	Brian Hayward Nicholson	Norman & Tatiana Nicholson
March 7, 2002	Trevor James Haas	Jason & Kristen Haas
April 17, 2002	Alexander Francis Ryan	Mark & Karen Ryan
April 28, 2002	Charles Cullen Steward	Charles & Kellie Ann Steward
May 25, 2002	Erin Anneliese Berger	Gregory & Astrid Berger
June 7, 2002	Hayley Thompson Diemar	John & Jody Diemar
June 13, 2002	Michelle Ann Rublee	John & Victoria Rublee
June 14, 2002	Steven Thomas Durling	Thomas & Persis Durling
June 15, 2002	Andrew Cameron Nwacha	John & Barbara Nwacha
June 25, 2002	William Henry Moore	Peter & Susan Moore
July 1, 2002	Matthew Thomas Loynes	James & Maribeth Loynes
July 9, 2002	Healy Farrand Hager	Andrew & Jennifer Hager
July 25, 2002	William James Everdell	Joshua & Lynn Everdell
August 28, 2002	Robert Stephen Foy	Stephen & Elizabeth Foy
September 13, 2002	Livia Kathleen Hernon	Timothy Hernon & Kathleen Karr
September 26, 2002	Mackenzie Caroline Timbrell	Stefan & Lisa Timbrell
November 8, 2002	Elisabeth Marielle Deacon	William & Heidi Deacon
November 24, 2002	Alice Ruth Moore	Christopher & Melissa Moore
December 8, 2002	Oliver Thomas Toy	Matthew & Tilea Toy
December 15, 2002	Emelia Grace Potter	Gregory & Linda Potter
December 18, 2002	William Angus Del Giudice	Frank & Kathy Del Giudice

2002 DEATHS

Date	Name of Deceased	Father's Name	Mother's Name
January 6, 2002	Alvin W. Shutzer	Arthur Shutzer	Sadie Stone
January 7, 2002	Harriett M. Anthony	Edwin Millen	Agnes Avery
January 7, 2003	Martha Meacham	Benjamin Ross	Adele Roberts
January 9, 2003	Frank B. Conklin	William Conklin	Anna Dickerson
January 23, 2003	Joseph W. Davis	Joseph Davis	Mary Stone
January 29, 2003	George A. Craig	George Craig	Theresa Cusik
February 5, 2002	Elizabeth G. Taylor	George Gardner	Isabelle Moore
February 6, 2002	Albert Rogers	John Rogers	Marguerite Hollenback
February 8, 2002	Harry J. Barrett	Harry Barrett	Florence Hunt
February 15, 2002	Marion S. Heydt	Rowland Stebbins	Marion Lyman
February 15, 2002	Muriel Rice	Frederick Scribner	Carmen Stilphen
February 19, 2002	Nedine M. Cowles	William Marble	Florence Bemis
February 19, 2002	Rose L. Brenner	Samuel Rice	Katie Kleinberg
February 20, 2002	Michael F. Dowley	Michael Dowley	Nora Smith
February 21, 2002	Dora Boucher	Omer Carpentier	Melina Herbert
February 25, 2002	Helen Zaján	Joseph Perina	Marie Chaloupka
March 15, 2002	Dale M. Garvey	John Garvey	Etta Martin
March 18, 2002	Marion Cushing	John Bassett	Marion Carter
March 21, 2002	Bethany Sanders	William Griffin	Lida Smith
March 28, 2002	Edward T. Barry	Edward Barry	Ellen Madigan
April 1, 2002	Helen F. Mackenna	Raymond Farr	Marion Keene
April 4, 2002	Jean M. Hurd	Wesley Delong	Clara Kirk
April 9, 2002	Aenid D. Anthonyson	William Dottin	F Carrington
April 11, 2002	Charles E. Davis	Benjamin Davis	Esta Farwell
April 22, 2002	Harriet Martin	Herbert Harris	Mary Woodbury
May 13, 2002	Violet Horton	Charles Walker	Violet Gedney
May 17, 2002	Warren H. Brock	Maurice Brock	Loretta Goodwin
May 20, 2002	Ralph C. Thompson	Ralph Thompson	Katharine Sander
May 21, 2002	Victor Shick	Boris Shekin	Maria Smolyanskya
June 1, 2002	Ruth Graves	Walter Tetro	Carlotta Rustemeyer
June 7, 2002	Christian F. Bottinger	Christian Bottinger	Mary Greeves
June 8, 2002	Diane M. Wheaton	David Mathewson	Evelyn Ahrens
June 21, 2002	Alwine S. Simmons	Otto Spreckels	Minna Doscher

2002 DEATHS

Date	Name of Deceased	Father's Name	Mother's Name
June 27, 2002	Dale G. Prew	Claude Prew	Dorothy Donovan
July 6, 2002	Anne F. Sides	C. Bickley	Irene Mccarver
July 14, 2002	Margaret Thomas	Henry Ferrie	Margaret Sauer
July 20, 2002	Marvin C. Lebon	Marvin Lebon	Julia Falkowski
August 1, 2002	Sancha M. Garvey	Burwell Kilbourn	Helen Carney
August 11, 2002	Eugene J. Milord	Eugene Milord	Edna St.John
August 13, 2002	Phyllis Shutzer	Jacob Simms	Celia Turetsky
August 19, 2002	Judith A. Behrens	William Behrens	Lucille Harrison
August 28, 2002	Beatrice Walker	Thomas Batchelder	Marion Files
September 6, 2002	Walton W. Chadwick	Walter Chadwick	Gertude Cote
September 22, 2002	Anne L. Schutte	David Kinzer	Louise Williamson
September 26, 2002	Aristotelis S. Tsimis	Spiros Tsimis	Anna Pappas
September 26, 2002	Ethel Webster	Arthur Wright	Adelaide Gardella
October 4, 2002	Alison Smith	E. Hunter	Natalie Macfarlane
October 11, 2002	Adelbert W. Messer	Anzell Messer	Josephine Woodward
October 11, 2002	Geraldine E. Kelly	Patrick Lawlor	Mary Reil
October 18, 2002	Evelyn A. James	Charles Pape	Hermine Unknown
November 16, 2002	Barbara Tovey	Otto Schinnerer	Edith Hausling
November 16, 2002	Constance Hedden	Dewitt Howe	Katherine Briggs
November 18, 2002	Dorothea Lunt	James Walker	Caroline Trefz
November 25, 2002	Gwendlyn Lower	Isaac Reney	Lucy Tatro
November 28, 2002	William E. Hamilton	William Hamilton	Anna Meade
December 7, 2002	Loretta S. Burdick	William Schoenfeld	Elise Petersen
December 12, 2002	Mary W. Lovely	Curtis Waldon	Louise Wheeler
December 25, 2002	Jessie I. Lovering	Nicholas Mackenzie	Adelaide Trask
December 28, 2002	Richard T. Lower	Richard Lower	Gwendlyn Reney
December 28, 2002	Dorothea Smith	Victor Phelps	Helen Davis
December 29, 2002	Irene Des Rochers	Joseph Gosselin	Caroline Boise
December 31, 2002	Alta M. Macdonald	Alan Linn	Grace Rickey

NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2002



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**Providing water service to customers
in the Towns of New London and Springfield**

Report to the Voters – 2002

The Annual meeting of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct in March of 2002 saw the election of James A. Cricenti as water commissioner for a three-year term. Also elected on the same ballot were Nancy D. Fifield as Treasurer/ Clerk and Cotton Cleveland as Moderator, both for one-year terms. All articles set forth on the Warrant were passed including: the proposed budget, funding for a new billing software and computer upgrade, building repairs and construction of a storage shed, maintenance of the second vertical turbine and water main improvements.

The Board of Commissioners approved seven applications for water service as well as two commercial applications for developments, Great Pines on Newport Road and a residential development off Seaman's Road.

The new billing software and computer upgrade were done in February and March to allow training of office personnel before the semi-annual billing in April. The new bills sent out in April were well received by customers as they were much easier to read and understand.

It was a busy spring and summer for the Precinct. In January the first vertical turbine was rebuilt and serviced as routine maintenance. In May the entire system was flushed and virtually no sediment was found. The Precinct Building at 30 Dump road was painted, the front sided and interior up-grades were done. Early fall saw the framing of the pole shed for storage of pipe and hydrant parts. TDS Telecom provided the poles and labor to set the poles, this was a major task and we want to thank TDS Telecom for all their work and support. Rob and Rod accomplished many system repairs this year, three hydrants on Main Street were replaced and numerous others were worked on. In September, a well pump on Colby Point was lost due to a lightning strike and was replaced partially through insurance.

This summer the Precinct ordered a new Flow Model of the water system. Dufrene-Henry Inc. did the work on this model and the Precinct received the results in late December. As of this writing the model is being reviewed for acceptance by the Commissioners.

The Board of Commissioners would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that water, like all other resources, should be conserved. During a drought condition like last summer, the demand peaked above 750,000 gallons a day. This increased demand was a result of domestic lawn and garden irrigation during the hot, dry summer days. The precinct was forced to impose a water ban when demand exceeded the systems capabilities. The level in the storage tank at no time during the water ban fell below the 500,000 gallons required for fire protection. The Commissioners want to extend their thanks to the public for their cooperation during this period. We would like to also remind everyone how and when to irrigate: irrigation should be done using low-flow trickle hoses between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Using sprinklers during daylight hours is a huge consumer of water and only about 15-20% of the water reaches the plants, the rest evaporates in the sun

The Board of Commissioners extends their appreciation to the voters for the opportunity to serve the Precinct, and look forward to continuing service in 2003. Thank You.

Commissioners:
Richard L. Bott Jr., Chairman
Kenneth R. Jacques
James A. Cricenti

**NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD
WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT
PRECINCT WARRANT**

Towns of New London and Springfield, New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct in the counties of Merrimack and Sullivan, respectively, qualified to vote in Precinct affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Whipple Hall in New London, New Hampshire on Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. to act on the following subjects:

(Note: By law the meeting must open before voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 3:00 p.m. At 3:15 p.m. the meeting will recess, but the polls will remain open until 8:00 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at 7:00 p.m. to act on Articles 2 through 8.)

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary officers for the coming year.

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of officers for the coming year.

ARTICLE 3: To set the salaries of all officers for the coming year.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to defray Precinct charges for the coming year:

	Approved Budget 2002	Proposed Budget 2003
Salaries, Benefits, Taxes	153,896	161,000
Maintenance	25,000	28,000
Utilities	35,000	35,000
Supplies	17,000	17,000
Insurance	7,300	7,300
Administration	6,500	6,500
Accounting Expense	3,000	3,000
Legal Expense	2,000	2,000
Election/Annual Meeting	1,600	1,600
Engineering Review	1,500	1,500
Equipment (Capitalized)	2,000	4,000
Contingency	1,000	1,000
Interest (Short Term)	1,000	1,000
Interest (Long Term)	41,000	23,000
Principal (Long Term)	262,000	244,000
Lease Expense	12,500	12,500
	<u>\$572,296</u>	<u>\$ 548,400</u>

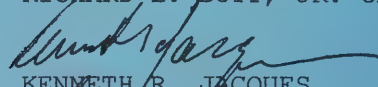
ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters of the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) to purchase a trench box and trailer.
This article to be funded from the General Fund Balance.
The Commissioners recommend this article.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters of the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars, (\$30,000.00) for the design and to start the construction of a building addition.
This article to be non-lapsing to 2006.
This article to be funded from the General Fund Balance.
The Commissioners recommend this article.

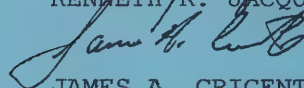
ARTICLE 7 To see if the voters of the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars, (\$20,000.00) to purchase a small tractor.
This article to be funded from the General Fund Balance.
The Commissioners recommend this article.



RICHARD L. BOTT, JR. Chairman



KENNETH R. JACQUES



JAMES A. CRICENTI

Commissioners
New London-Springfield
Water System Precinct

A true copy of Warrant: Attest

RICHARD L. BOTT JR., Chairman

KENNETH R. JACQUES

JAMES A. CRICENTI

Commissioners
New London-Springfield
Water System Precinct

NEW LONDON - SPRINGFIELD
WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DECEMBER 31, 2002

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PHILIP E. GLEASON

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, P.A.

To the Commissioners
New London-Springfield Water System Precinct
New London, New Hampshire

I have reviewed the accompanying balance sheets of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 and the related statements of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct.

A review consists principally of inquiries of Precinct personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

Based on my review, with the exception of the matter described in the following paragraph, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

As disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Precinct carries its facilities and equipment at cost and does not provide for depreciation. Generally accepted accounting principles require that facility and equipment be stated at an amount not in excess of cost, reduced by depreciation over the expected useful life of the asset. Since the facility and equipment have not been depreciated resulting in these assets remaining at their original cost and not the depreciated value, the net assets are increased and total expenses have been decreased.



January 27, 2003

NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT
BALANCE SHEETS

DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

	2002					TOTAL 2001 (Memorandum only)
ASSETS	OPERATING FUND	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FUND	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS		TOTAL (memorandum only)	
			Colby Point Project	South Pleasant Street Project		
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$178,618		\$ 85,680	\$ 46,358	\$ 310,656	\$ 304,560
Receivables	21,327				21,327	24,036
Due from other Funds		\$ 12,540			12,540	98,064
Inventory	18,957				18,957	20,954
Total Current Assets	218,902	12,540	85,680	46,358	363,480	447,614
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT						
Facilities		1,692,072			1,692,072	1,692,072
Equipment		150,819			150,819	149,393
Colby Point Project Cost			1,796,008		1,796,008	1,796,008
South Pleasant Street Cost				492,175	492,175	465,492
Total Plant and Equipment		1,842,891	1,796,008	492,175	4,131,074	4,102,965
TOTAL ASSETS	\$218,902	\$1,855,431	\$1,881,688	\$538,533	\$4,494,554	\$4,550,579
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Accounts Payable			\$ 8,001		\$ 8,001	\$ 26,283
Bonds Payable			\$ 90,000		90,000	115,000
Due to other Funds	\$ 12,540				12,540	98,064
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt				153,395	153,395	146,259
Total Current Liabilities	12,540		90,000	161,396	263,936	385,606
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES						
Bonds Payable			90,000		90,000	175,000
Note Payable to Bank				119,143	119,143	272,540
Total Long-Term Liabilities			90,000	119,143	209,143	447,540
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,540		180,000	280,539	473,079	833,146
FUND EQUITY						
Appropriated	23,503		1,701,688	257,994	1,983,185	1,724,519
Unappropriated	182,859	1,855,431			2,038,290	1,992,914
Total Fund Equity	206,362	1,855,431	1,701,688	257,994	4,021,475	3,717,433
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$218,902	\$1,855,431	\$1,881,688	\$538,533	\$4,494,554	\$4,550,579

See Accountant's Review Report
and Notes to Financial Statement

NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	OPERATING FUND		2001 ACTUAL	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS			PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FUND 2002	TOTAL 2002 (memorandum only)
	BUDGET	2002		ACTUAL	COLBY POINT PROJECT 2002	SOUTH PLEASANT STREET PROJECT 2002		
Operating Revenue								
Water Charges and Fees	\$169,500	\$199,492	\$191,299				\$ 199,492	
Interest		1,013	4,701		1,264		2,277	
Sale of Equipment			1,000					
Insurance refund			1,942					
Other		628	1,403					628
NH DES Reimbursement	22,000	21,141	23,210				21,141	
Total Revenue	191,500	222,274	223,555		1,264		223,538	
Operating Expenditures								
Salaries and wages	110,017	104,230	98,639				104,230	
Payroll taxes and benefits	43,879	38,612	32,609				38,612	
Maintenance	25,000	25,349	40,008				25,349	
Utilities	35,000	30,051	29,508				30,051	
Precinct supplies	17,000	18,552	6,683				18,552	
Insurance	7,300	4,219	5,452				4,219	
Administration and contingency	7,500	5,865	6,835				5,865	
Accounting	3,000	3,000	2,498				3,000	
Legal	2,000	120	570				120	
Election/Annual meetings	1,600	1,231	633				1,231	
Engineering review	1,500							
Equipment	2,000	1,426					1,426	
Interest (short-term)	1,000		606					
Interest (long-term)	41,000	32,466	25,603				32,466	
Lease	12,500	12,500	12,500				12,500	
Bond principal payment	115,000	110,000	75,000				110,000	
Note principal payments	147,000	146,261	36,201				146,261	
Total Expenditures	572,296	533,882	373,345				533,882	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (380,796)	(311,608)	(149,790)		1,264		(310,344)	
Other Income								
Precinct taxes		382,542	193,173				382,542	
		70,934	43,383		1,264		72,198	

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and Notes to Financial Statement

NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	OPERATING FUND		PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FUND 2002	CAPITAL PROJECT FUND		TOTAL 2002 (memorandum only)
	BUDGET	2002 ACTUAL		COLBY POINT PROJECT 2002	SOUTH PLEASANT STREET PROJECT 2002	
Expenditures, Current Year						
Special Articles						
2002 Art. 5 - General Fund	\$7,000	\$ 6,098				\$ 6,098
2002 Art. 6 - General Fund	\$6,500	5,610				5,610
2002 Art. 7 - General Fund	\$6,000					
2002 Art. 8 - General Fund	\$5,000	3,478				3,478
2001 Art. 2 - General Fund	\$520,000	\$ 65,000			\$ 26,681	26,681
2001 Art. 6 - General Fund	\$10,500	9,760				9,760
2001 Art. 7 - General Fund	\$22,000	21,566				
2000 Art. 6 - General Fund	\$5,000	1,353				
2000 Art. 7 - General Fund	\$20,000	10,450				
2000 Art. 8 - General Fund	\$12,000	9,511				
1999 Art- 5 - General Fund	\$40,000	897				897
Total Expenditures		25,843			26,681	52,524
Net Income (Loss)		45,091		\$ 1,264	(26,681)	19,674
Fund Balance, January 1, 2002			\$1,854,005	1,590,424	111,733	3,717,433
Transfer of Equipment Funding			1,426		26,681	28,107
Transfer of Bond Payment Funding				110,000		110,000
Transfer of Note Payment Funding					146,261	146,261
Fund Balance, December 31, 2002		\$206,362	\$1,855,431	\$1,701,688	\$257,994	\$4,021,475

NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	<u>OPERATING FUND</u>	<u>PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FUND</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> (memorandum only)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities				
Net Income	\$ 45,091		\$ (25,417)	\$ 19,674
Decrease in accounts receivable	2,709			2,709
Decrease in inventory	1,997			1,997
(Decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expense	<u>(5,799)</u>		<u>(12,485)</u>	<u>(18,284)</u>
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	43,998		(37,902)	6,096
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities				
(Decrease) in Inter-fund borrowing	<u>(85,524)</u>		<u>85,524</u>	
Net Cash (Used) Provided by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(85,524)</u>		<u>85,524</u>	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(41,526)		47,622	6,096
Cash, December 31, 2002	<u>220,144</u>		<u>84,416</u>	<u>304,560</u>
Cash, December 31, 2003	<u>\$178,618</u>		<u>\$132,038</u>	<u>\$310,656</u>

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NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2002

NOTE 1 - ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct (Precinct) have been prepared on the accrual basis. The significant accounting policies followed are described below:

Fund Accounting - To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Precinct, the accounts of the Precinct are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. This is the procedure by which resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds established according to their nature and purposes. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund; however, in the accompanying financial statements, funds that have similar characteristics have been combined into fund groups. Accordingly, all financial transactions have been recorded and reported by each fund group.

The assets, liabilities and fund balances of the Precinct are reported in self-balancing fund groups as follows:

- o Operating Fund - This fund serves as the general operating fund of the Precinct. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- o Plant Fund - This group of accounts is used to account for all fixed assets of the Precinct other than those being accounted for in the Capital Project Funds. These items are purchased through transfer from the Operating Fund.
- o Capital Project Funds - These funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition and/or construction of the Colby Point Project and the South Pleasant Street Project. This fund includes the Safe Drinking Water Act Compliance Capital Reserve Fund that is being expended on the Colby Point Project.

Cash and Cash Equivalents - The Precinct considers all short-term, highly liquid investments with remaining maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Depreciation - Plant and equipment is stated at cost. Assets acquired by gift or bequest are recorded at the fair market value at the date of transfer. Depreciation is not provided for on the assets which is a departure from generally accepted accounting principles. Assets sold or otherwise disposed of are removed from the accounts at their original cost.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2002

NOTE 1 - ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Inventory - The inventory of supplies are valued at cost.

Total Columns - The combined Financial Statements include a total column that is described as memorandum only. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Interfund transactions have not been eliminated from the total column of each financial statement.

Budgetary Data - The Precinct budgets revenue, expenditures, and other sources and uses of the Operating Fund. Appropriations in the Operating Fund are charged for encumbrances when commitments are made. Fund balances are reserved for outstanding encumbrances, which serve as authorizations for expenditures in the subsequent year. Budgetary comparisons in the financial statements are presented on a modified accrual basis of accounting. All unencumbered budget appropriation lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

NOTE 2 - CREDIT RISK

The Precinct cash was deposited in various institutions during the year. At various times the amount on deposit in these institutions exceeded the \$100,000 federally insured limit. As of December 31, 2001 and 2000 the deposits on hand were in excess of the insured limit by \$240,486 and \$123,823.

NOTE 3 - Receivables

Receivables at December 31, 2002 and 2001 were comprised of the following:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Customers	\$ 186	\$ 826
State of New Hampshire	<u>21,141</u>	<u>23,210</u>
	<u>\$21,327</u>	<u>\$24,036</u>

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DECEMBER 31, 2002

NOTE 4 - PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Activity for the fixed assets which are capitalized by the Precinct is summarized below:

	BALANCE January 1, <u>2002</u>	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>DEDUCTIONS</u>	BALANCE December 31, <u>2002</u>
Facility	\$1,692,072			\$1,692,072
Equipment	149,393	\$ 1,426		150,819
Colby Pt. Project Cost	1,796,008			1,796,008
South Pleasant Street Project Cost	<u>465,492</u>	<u>26,681</u>		<u>492,173</u>
	<u>\$4,102,965</u>	<u>\$28,107</u>		<u>\$4,131,072</u>

Costs incurred for the Colby Point Project and the South Pleasant Street Project by the Capital Project Fund are capitalized. Upon completion of the Project, the total cost will be transferred to the Plant and Equipment Funds.

NOTE 5 - BONDS PAYABLE

On December 20, 1994 the Precinct secured \$935,000 from the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank for the issuance of 1994 Series F Bonds. Interest is payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 with principal payment due on January 15. Presented below is a summary of the debt service requirements to maturity by year:

<u>YEAR</u>	INTEREST <u>RATE</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>
2004	5.80%	\$ 90,000
2005	5.90%	<u>90,000</u>
		<u>\$180,000</u>

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NOTE 6 - NOTE PAYABLE

4.75% note payable to Mascoma Savings Bank with monthly principal and interest payments of \$13,585 through September, 2004. The note is backed by the full faith and credit of the municipality.

Less: current portion

\$272,538

153,395

\$119,143

As of December 31, 2002, the note payable matures as follow:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2003	\$153,395
2004	<u>119,143</u>
	<u>\$272,538</u>

NOTE 7 - REVENUE FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Precinct applied for and received from the State of New Hampshire's Department of Environmental Services a 20% reimbursement for monies spent from January, 2002 through December, 2002 toward compliance with the Safe Water Drinking Act.

NOTE 8 - COMMITMENT

In April, 1995, the Precinct reached a settlement with the Cleveland Company, Inc. over an eminent domain action for easements to Colby Point. The Precinct agreed to pay as just compensation \$25,000 upon delivery of the proper easement and ten annual payments of \$12,500. At the commencement of the eleventh year and each five years thereafter the annual payment will be adjusted based on the average of two factors; the Consumer Price Index and the percentage increase in gallonage pumped. In no event shall the annual payment be less than \$12,500 nor greater than 30% of \$12,500 for year 11 through 15 and 30% greater of the amount calculated in year 11 for years 16 through 20. At the expiration of 20 years, the Precinct shall have the option to renew the Agreement every five years up to ninety-nine years, upon the same terms and conditions except annual payments which shall be renegotiated.

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NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

PO Box 740
New London, NH 03257

Dear Consumer,

As part of the provisions adopted in the 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct is required to provide a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) designed to give consumers more information about their drinking water.

We hope the following report and information contained within is helpful and informative. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully,

Board of Commissioners
NL-SWSP

Water Quality Report - 2002

Is my drinking water safe?

To the best of our knowledge we are pleased to report that the drinking water supplied to our consumer's premises is safe and meets both Federal and State requirements.

What is the source of my water?

The water is provided from six (6) gravel-packed wells, drawing from an aquifer located beneath Colby Point in the middle of Little Lake Sunapee.

Why are there contaminants in my water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amount of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

How can I get involved?

The New London-Springfield Water System Precinct is served by an elected Board of Commissioners which meets the Monday of the first full week of each month at 7:00 p.m. These meetings, which the public is welcomed to attend, are held the Precinct office on Old Dump Road in New London. The Commissioners can be reached by calling 526-4441.

Other information

The New London-Springfield Water System Precinct was formed in 1925 to provide domestic water and fire protection for the Town of New London and some sections of Springfield. Originally, the Precinct was served by Morgan Pond (a surface-water source in Springfield) via Kidder Brook to two (2) man-made reservoirs until May 1996. Since then, our water has been provided via the Colby Point wells and a one million-gallon storage tank. The Precincts 30 miles of water mains currently service approximately 875 domestic and 150 commercial customers.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from the health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Definitions: MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. MCLs: The highest level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. They are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology AL: Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements the water system must follow. TT: Treatment Technique or required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminate in drinking water.

Abbreviations: PPT: Parts per trillion · PPB: parts per billion · PPM: parts per million or · N/A: not applicable · NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit · MFL: million fibers per liter · ND: not detectable at testing limits.

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected / Range of Detection	Unit Meas.	MCL G	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants: None detected						
Radioactive Contaminants:						
Radon	NO	590	pCi/l	0	None	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants:						
Copper	yes	1.5	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead	Yes	58	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	No	.09	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides: None detected						
Volatile Organic Contaminants: None detected						

Health Effects Information:

LEAD: Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

RADON: Presently the US Environmental Protection Agency is determining a standard for radon in drinking water. Radon gas, which is inhaled, has been linked to lung cancer however, it is not clear that at what level radon in your drinking water contributes to this health effect.

PO BOX 740
New London, NH
03257
(603) 526-4441

DIRECTORY OF TOWN SERVICES

EMERGENCY

911

Service	Office	Telephone
Archives	Archives Office	526-4821 ext. 15
Assessment of Property	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10
Beach Parking Permits	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10
Beaches	Recreation Department	526-6401
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Boat Registration	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Brush & Metal Disposal Area	Transfer Station	526-9499
Building Permits	Zoning Administrator	526-4821 ext. 16
Burn Permits	Dispatch	526-2626
Car & Other Vehicle Registration	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Cemetery	Chadwick's Funeral Home	526-6442
Community Events Calendar	Recreation Department	526-6401
Death Certificates	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
District Court	Court Clerk	526-6519
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Election Information	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
False Alarm Reporting	Dispatch	526-2626
Fire Department Non-Emergency	Fire Department	526-6073
Footpath/Hiking Maps	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10
Hazardous Waste	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10
Health Violations	Donald Bent, Health Officer	526-4761
Library	Tracy Library	526-4656
Maps of Town Property/Tax Maps	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10
Passports	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Planning/Zoning Concerns	Ken McWilliams, Town Planner	448-1680
Police Department Non-Emergency	Dispatch	526-2626
Property Tax	Tax Collector's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Recreation Programs	Recreation Department	526-6401
Recycling	Transfer Station	526-9499
Roads	Highway Department	526-6337
Sewer	Sewer Department	526-6411
Sign Permits	Zoning Administrator	526-4821 ext. 16
Town Hall/Old Academy Rental	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10
Trash Disposal	Transfer Station	526-9499
Transfer Station Permits	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Voter Registration	Town Clerk's Office	526-4821 ext. 11
Water	Water Precinct	526-4441
Welfare Information	Marc Clement, Welfare Officer	526-3652
Yard Sale Permits	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 10
Zoning Ordinances	Selectmen's Office	526-4821 ext. 16



TOWN ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Whipple Memorial Town Hall

Polls open 8:00 a.m.

Polls close 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Kearsarge Regional Middle School Gymnasium

Wednesday, March 12, 2003

7:00 p.m.

WATER SYSTEM PRECINT

Whipple Memorial Town Hall

New London

Polls open 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2003

Polls close 8:00 p.m. – Meeting Opens 3:00 p.m.

Meeting will recess at 3:15 p.m.

Meeting reconvenes 7:00 p.m.